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1 Kings

1 Kings 1

1 Kings 1:1

ULT

¹ Now the king David was old, coming in the days, and they covered him with the garments, but it was not warm for him.

UST

¹ When King David was very old, even though his servants put many blankets on top of him at night, he was unable to keep warm.

What problem did King David have when he became old?

Although they covered King David with clothes, he could not stay warm.

1 Kings 1:2

ULT

² And his servants said to him, "They are seeking for my lord the king a young woman, a virgin, and she will stand before the face of the king. And she may be one who is useful for him, and she will lie in your bosom and it will be warm for my master the king."

UST

² So they said to him, "Your Majesty, allow us to search for a young virgin who can stay with you and take care of you. She can sleep close to you and make you warm."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:3

ULT

³ And they sought a beautiful young woman in all the territory of Israel. And they found Abishag the Shunammite and they brought her to the king.

UST

³ The king gave them permission, so they searched throughout Israel for a beautiful young woman. They found a woman named Abishag, from the town of Shunem, and brought her to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:4**ULT**

⁴ (Now the girl was beautiful as far as abundance. And she became one who is useful for the king and she attended to him, but the king did not know her.)

UST

⁴ She was truly very beautiful. She took care of the king, but the king did not have sexual relations with her.

Although Abishag was beautiful and served the king and took care of him what did David not do with her?

The king did not have sexual relations with Abishag.

1 Kings 1:5**ULT**

⁵ And Adonijah the son of Haggith lifted himself up, saying, "I, myself, will reign." And he made for himself a chariot and horsemen and 50 men who ran before his face.

UST

⁵⁻⁶ After Absalom died, David's oldest son was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith. He was a very handsome man. But David had never rebuked him about anything he did. After Absalom died, he thought that he would become king. So he started to boast, saying, "I will become king now." Then he provided for himself some chariots, and men to drive them, and horses to pull them, and fifty men to run as his bodyguards in front of those chariots wherever he went.

How did Adonijah the son of Haggith exalt himself?

Adonijah wanted to be king, so he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen with fifty men to run ahead of him.

1 Kings 1:6**ULT**

⁶ And his father did not pain him from his days, saying, "Why have you done so?" And also, he was very good of form and she had borne him after Absalom.

UST

⁵⁻⁶ After Absalom died, David's oldest son was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith. He was a very handsome man. But David had never rebuked him about anything he did. After Absalom died, he thought that he would become king. So he started to boast, saying, "I will become king now." Then he provided for himself some chariots, and men to drive them, and horses to pull them, and fifty men to run as his bodyguards in front of those chariots wherever he went.

Did King David discipline his son Adonijah and correct his actions?

No, King David had never troubled Adonijah by saying, "Why have you done this or that?"

1 Kings 1:7**ULT**

⁷ And his words were with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest. And they helped behind Adonijah.

UST

⁷ One day he conferred with Joab, David's army commander, and Abiathar the priest, and they promised to help Adonijah.

Who were the two men who followed and helped Adonijah?

Joab and Abiathar helped Adonijah in his plot to become king.

1 Kings 1:8**ULT**

⁸ But Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Nathan the prophet and Shimei and Rei and the mighty men who were for David were not with Adonijah.

UST

⁸ But other important people refused to help him. These included Zadok, who was also a priest, Benaiah who had supervised David's bodyguards, Nathan the prophet, Shimei and Rei, and David's most capable soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:9**ULT**

⁹ And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and cattle and fattening near the stone of Zohemoth, which is beside En Rogel. And he called all of his brothers, the sons of the king, and to all the men of Judah, the servants of the king.

UST

⁹ One day Adonijah went to the stone of Zohemoth near En Rogel, which is near Jerusalem, to sacrifice some sheep and oxen and fattened cattle. He invited most of his brothers, King David's other sons, to come. He also invited all of the king's officials from Judah to come to the celebration.

Who did Adonijah not invite to his sacrifice? (vv9-10)

Adonijah did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or his brother Solomon.

1 Kings 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But he did not call Nathan the prophet and Benaiah and the mighty men and his brother Solomon.

UST

¹⁰ But he did not invite Nathan, Benaiah, or the king's most capable soldiers, or his younger brother Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Nathan said to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and our master David does not know?"

UST

¹¹ Nathan found out what they were doing, so he went to Solomon's mother Bathsheba and asked her, "Have you not heard that Haggith's son Adonijah is making himself king? And King David does not know about it!"

Who warned Bathsheba the mother of Solomon that Adonijah had become king and that her life was in danger? (vv11-12)

Nathan the Prophet warned Bathsheba that her life and the life of her son Solomon were in danger.

1 Kings 1:12**ULT**

¹² And now, come, please let me advise you with advice, and slip away with your life and with the life of your son Solomon.

UST

¹² So if you want to save yourself and your son Solomon from being killed, allow me to tell you what you should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Go and come to the king David, and you shall say to him, 'Have you not, my master the king, sworn to your female servant, saying, "Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne?" And why does Adonijah reign?'

UST

¹³ Go right away to King David. Say to him, 'Your Majesty, you solemnly promised me that my son Solomon would become the king after you die and that he would sit on your throne and rule. So why are people saying that Adonijah is now king?'

What questions did Nathan tell Bathsheba to ask King David?

Nathan the prophet told Bathsheba to ask David whether he promised that Solomon would be king, and why Adonijah was reigning.

1 Kings 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Behold, while you are still speaking there with the king, then I myself will come in behind you and will fill your words."

UST

¹⁴ Then, Bathsheba, while you are still talking to the king, I will come in and tell him that what you are saying to him about Adonijah is true."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Bathsheba came to the king at the room. (Now the king was very old and Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king.)

UST

¹⁵ So Bathsheba went to see the king in his bedroom. He was very old, and Abishag was taking care of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself to the king. And the king said, "What is for you?"

UST

¹⁶ Bathsheba bowed very low in front of the king, and the king asked her, "What do you want?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And she said to him, "My master, you yourself have sworn to your female servant by Yahweh your God, 'Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne.'

UST

¹⁷ She replied, "Your Majesty, you solemnly promised me, knowing that Yahweh our God was listening, that my son Solomon would become king after you die and that he would sit on your throne and rule.

What promise had King David sworn to Bathsheba?

David had sworn to Bathsheba that Solomon would be king after David died.

1 Kings 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And now, behold, Adonijah reigns, and now, my master the king, you do not know.

UST

¹⁸ But now, Adonijah has made himself king, and you do not know anything about it.

What did Bathsheba tell King David that Adonijah had done? (vv18-19)

Bathsheba told him that Adonijah had become king, without David knowing it, and that he had sacrificed animals in abundance

1 Kings 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he has sacrificed ox and fatling and sheep to abundance, and he has called to all the sons of the king and to Abiathar the priest and to Joab the commander of the army, but he has not called to Solomon your servant.

UST

¹⁹ He has sacrificed a lot of oxen and fattened cattle and sheep, and he has invited all of your other sons to the celebration. He has also invited Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of your army, but he did not invite your son Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ And you, my master the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to tell them who will sit on the throne of my master the king after him.

UST

²⁰ Your Majesty, all the people of Israel are expecting you to tell them who is the one who will become king after you are no longer with us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:21**ULT**

²¹ And it will happen, as soon as my master the king lies down with his fathers, that I myself and my son Solomon will be sinners.”

UST

²¹ If you do not do that, what will happen is that after you die people will consider that my son Solomon and I are rebelling, and they will execute us because we did not help Adonijah to become king.”

What did Bathsheba fear would happen when David died?

She feared that she and her son Solomon would be regarded as criminals

1 Kings 1:22**ULT**

²² And behold, while she was still speaking with the king, then Nathan the prophet came.

UST

²² While she was still talking to the king, Nathan came to the palace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:23**ULT**

²³ And they told the king, saying, “Behold, Nathan the prophet.” And he came before the face of the king, and he prostrated himself to the king with his nostrils to the ground.

UST

²³ The king’s servants told David, “Nathan the prophet has come.” So Bathsheba left, and Nathan went into where the king was and knelt down, with his face on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Nathan said, "My master the king, have you yourself said, 'Adonijah will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne?'"

UST

²⁴ Then Nathan said, "Your Majesty, have you declared that Adonijah will become king after you?"

What question did Nathan the prophet ask of King David?

Nathan asked him if David had said that Adonijah would reign after him and sit on his throne as king.

Why did Nathan the prophet come to visit King David? (vv24-25)

Nathan the prophet wanted to inform King David that Adonijah was setting himself up as King without David's permission.

1 Kings 1:25**ULT**

²⁵ For he has gone down today and sacrificed ox and fatling and sheep to abundance, and he has called to all of the sons of the king and to the commanders of the army and to Abiathar the priest. And behold, they are eating and drinking before his face. And they say, 'Let the king Adonijah live!'

UST

²⁵ I say that because today he has gone down to En Rogel and has sacrificed a lot of oxen, fattened cattle, and sheep. And he has invited all of your other sons, Joab the army commander, and Abiathar the priest. They are all eating and drinking with him and saying, 'We hope that King Adonijah will live a long time!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ But as for me, I am your servant, and he has not called to Zadok the priest and to Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and to Solomon your servant.

UST

²⁶ But he did not invite me or Zadok the priest or Benaiah or Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:27**ULT**

²⁷ Has this matter happened from with my master the king and you have not caused your servants to know who will sit on the throne of my master the king after him?"

UST

²⁷ Did you say that they should do this without telling your other officials who you want to become king after you are no longer the king?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the king David answered and said, "Call to Bathsheba for me." And she came before the face of the king and she stood before the face of the king.

UST

²⁸ Then King David said, "Tell Bathsheba to come in here again." So someone went and told her, and she came in and stood in front of the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the king swore and said, "As Yahweh is alive, who has ransomed my life from every distress.

UST

²⁹⁻³⁰ Then the king said, "Yahweh has rescued me from all my troubles. I promised you, with Yahweh the God whom we Israelites worship listening, that your son Solomon would be king after I am no longer the king. Today, as surely as Yahweh lives, I solemnly declare that I will do what I promised."

What oath did King David make to Bathsheba? (vv29-30)

David made an oath that Solomon the son of Bathsheba would reign after him and sit on his throne in David's place.

1 Kings 1:30**ULT**

³⁰ For just as I have sworn to you by Yahweh the God of Israel, saying, 'Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place,' surely thus I will do this day."

UST

²⁹⁻³⁰ Then the king said, "Yahweh has rescued me from all my troubles. I promised you, with Yahweh the God whom we Israelites worship listening, that your son Solomon would be king after I am no longer the king. Today, as surely as Yahweh lives, I solemnly declare that I will do what I promised."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:31**ULT**

³¹ And Bathsheba bowed with nostrils to the ground and she prostrated herself before the king and she said, "May my master the king David live to eternity!"

UST

³¹ Bathsheba knelt down with her face on the ground and said, "Your Majesty, I hope you will live forever!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:32**ULT**

³² And the king David said, "Call for me to Zadok the priest and to Nathan the prophet and to Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." And they came before the face of the king.

UST

³² Then King David said to a servant, "Summon Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah." So a servant went and summoned them. When they came in,

What did King David tell Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah to do for his son Solomon? (vv32-33)

King David told his three loyal subjects to take Solomon to Gihon on David's own mule and to anoint him as king over Israel.

1 Kings 1:33**ULT**

³³ And the king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your master, and you shall cause Solomon my son to mount on the female mule that is for me and bring him down to Gihon.

UST

³³ he said to them, "Put my son Solomon on my mule. Take him with my officials down to the spring at Gihon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:34**ULT**

³⁴ And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel. And you shall blow with the horn and you shall say, 'Let the king Solomon live!'

UST

³⁴ There, you two, Zadok and Nathan, must anoint him with olive oil to appoint him to be the king of Israel. Then you two must blow trumpets, and all the people there must shout, 'We hope that King Solomon will live for many years!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:35**ULT**

³⁵ And you shall go up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne; and he will reign in my place. And I have commanded him to be leader over Israel and over Judah."

UST

³⁵ Then follow him back here, and he will come and sit on my throne. He will then become king instead of me. I have appointed him to be the ruler of all the people of Israel and of Judah."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:36**ULT**

³⁶ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Truly! So has Yahweh the God of my master the king spoken.

UST

³⁶ Benaiah replied, "We will do that! We hope that Yahweh, who is your God and our God, will cause it to happen!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:37**ULT**

³⁷ Just as Yahweh has been with my master the king, so may he be with Solomon. And may he make his throne greater than the throne of my master the king David."

UST

³⁷ King David, Yahweh has helped you. We hope that he will also help Solomon and enable him to become an even greater king than you have been."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:38**ULT**

³⁸ And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Kerethite and the Pelethite went down and they caused Solomon to mount on the female mule of the king David. And they brought him to Gihon.

UST

³⁸ So Zadok, Nathan, Benaiah, and the two groups of men who were the king's bodyguards went and put Solomon on King David's mule and escorted him down to the spring at Gihon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:39**ULT**

³⁹ And Zadok the priest took the horn of the oil from the tent and he anointed Solomon. And they blew with the horn, and all the people said, "Let the king Solomon live!"

UST

³⁹ There Zadok took the container of olive oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then two of them blew trumpets, and all the people shouted, "We hope that King Solomon will live for many years!"

How did the people respond when Zadok anointed Solomon as king? (vv39-40)

The people said "Long live King Solomon!" and rejoiced with great joy

1 Kings 1:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And all the people went up after him. And the people were playing with the flutes and were rejoicing with great joy. And the earth was split by their sound.

UST

⁴⁰ Then all the people followed him back up to the city, shouting joyfully and playing flutes. They shouted very loudly, so that the ground shook.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And Adonijah and all the called ones who were with him heard and they had finished eating. And Joab heard the sound of the horn, and he said, "Why is the sound of the city noisy?"

UST

⁴¹ When Adonijah and all his guests were finishing eating at their celebration, they heard the noise. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpets, he asked, "What is the meaning of all that noise in the city?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:42**ULT**

⁴² He was still speaking, and behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. And Adonijah said, "Come, for you are a man of strength and you will bring good news."

UST

⁴² While he was still speaking, Jonathan son of Abiathar the priest, arrived. Adonijah said, "Come in! You are a man whom we can trust, so you must be bringing us good news!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:43**ULT**

⁴³ And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "No, but our master the king David has caused Solomon to reign.

UST

⁴³ Jonathan replied, "No, I do not have good news! His Majesty, King David, has made Solomon to be the king!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And the king has sent with him Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Kerethite and the Pelethite. And they caused him to mount on the female mule of the king.

UST

⁴⁴ He sent Zadok, Nathan, Benaiah, and the his own groups of bodyguards to go with Solomon. They put Solomon on King David's mule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him as king at Gihon, and they have come up from there rejoicing, and the city is in an uproar. This is the sound that you have heard.

UST

⁴⁵ They went down to the spring at Gihon, and there Zadok and Nathan have anointed him to become the king. Now they have returned from there to the city, shouting joyfully. That is why there is that great noise that you are hearing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And also, Solomon sits on the throne of the kingship.

UST

⁴⁶ So Solomon is now our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ And also, the servants of the king came to bless our master the king David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may he make his throne greater than your throne.' And the king bowed down on the bed.

UST

⁴⁷ Furthermore, the palace officials came to His Majesty, King David, to tell him that they approved of what he had done. They said, 'We wish that God will make Solomon even more famous than you have been and enable him to be an even better king than you have been.' When they said that, the king, lying on his bed, bowed his head to worship Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ And also, thus said the king, 'Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel, who has given one who sits on my throne today, and my eyes are seeing.'"

UST

⁴⁸ Then he said, 'I praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, because he has allowed one of my sons to become the king today and has permitted me to see it happen.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ And all the called ones who were for Adonijah trembled and rose. And they went, a man to his way.

UST

⁴⁹ Then all of Adonijah's guests trembled, so they all immediately got up and left and scattered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ And Adonijah was afraid of the face of Solomon. And he rose and went and grasped the horns of the altar.

UST

⁵⁰ Adonijah was afraid of what Solomon would do, so he went to the sacred tent and grabbed the projections at the corners of the altar, because he thought that no one would kill him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:51**ULT**

⁵¹ And it was told to Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah fears Solomon the king. And behold, he has grasped the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let Solomon the king swear to me as soon as today that he will not put to death his servant with the sword.'"

UST

⁵¹ But someone told Solomon, "See, Adonijah is afraid of you, so he has gone to the sacred tent and is holding on to the altar. He is saying, 'Before I leave, I want King Solomon to solemnly promise that he will not command that I be executed.'"

What did Adonijah do when he heard the news that David had made Solomon the king of Israel?

Adonijah was afraid of Solomon, and went into the temple of God and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1 Kings 1:52**ULT**

⁵² And Solomon said, "If he will be a son of strength, some of his hair will not fall to the ground. But if evil is found in him, then he will die."

UST

⁵² Solomon replied, "If he proves that he is loyal to me, I will not harm him at all. But if he does anything that is wrong, he will be executed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:53**ULT**

⁵³ And Solomon the king sent, and they brought him down from beside the altar. And he came and bowed down to Solomon the king. And Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

UST

⁵³ So King Solomon sent some men to Adonijah, and they brought him back from the altar. He came to Solomon and bowed down in front of him. Then Solomon said to him, "Go home."

What did King Solomon tell Adonijah to do when they brought him before Solomon?

King Solomon told Adonijah to go to his house.

1 Kings 2

1 Kings 2:1

ULT

¹ And the days of David to die came near, and he commanded Solomon his son, saying,

UST

¹ When David knew that he was about to die, he gave these final instructions to his son Solomon:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:2

ULT

² "I am about to go in the way of all the earth. And you shall be strong, and you shall become a man.

UST

² "I am about to die, as everyone else on earth does. Be courageous and conduct yourself as man should.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:3

ULT

³ And you shall keep the keeping of Yahweh your God to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, according to what is written in the law of Moses, so that you may do wisely all that you do and everywhere that you would turn there,

UST

³ Do what Yahweh our God tells you to do. Conduct yourself as he wants you to do. Obey all of his laws and commands and decrees and instructions that are written in the laws that Moses gave us. Do this in order that you will prosper in all that you do and wherever you go.

What did King David tell his son Solomon?

David told his son to always fear and obey God.

1 Kings 2:4**ULT**

⁴ so that Yahweh may cause his word to stand, which he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons will keep their way, to walk before my face in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' saying, 'a man for you will not be cut off from on the throne of Israel.'

UST

⁴ If you continually do that, Yahweh will do what he promised me. He said, 'If your descendants do what I tell them to do, and faithfully obey my commands with all their inner beings, they will always be the ones who will rule Israel.'

What was Yahweh's promise to David?

Yahweh promised that David would never cease to have a man on Israel's throne.

1 Kings 2:5**ULT**

⁵ And also you yourself know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to two of the commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and to Amasa the son of Jether: and he slew them. And he put the bloodshed of war in peace and he gave the bloodshed of war on his belt, which was on his loins, and on his sandal, which was on his feet.

UST

⁵ There is something else that I want you to do. You know what Joab did to me. He killed my two army commanders, Abner and Amasa. He murdered them violently. He is guilty of murder.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:6**ULT**

⁶ And you shall act according to your wisdom, and you shall not let his gray hair go down in peace to Sheol.

UST

⁶ Because you are wise, do to him what you think is best for you to do, but do not allow him to become old and die peacefully.

What did King David's tell Solomon about Joab son of Zeruiah?

King David told Solomon not to let him go down to the grave in peace.

1 Kings 2:7**ULT**

⁷ And to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite do covenant faithfulness, and let them be among those who eat at your table. For so they came near to me when I fled from the face of Absalom your brother.

UST

⁷ But act kindly toward the sons of Barzillai, the man from the region of Gilead, and be sure that they always have enough food to eat. Do that because Barzillai helped me when I was running away from your older brother Absalom.

What had the sons of Barzillai done for King David?

The sons of Barzillai had come to David when he fled from Absalom.

1 Kings 2:8**ULT**

⁸ And behold, with you is Shimei the son of Gera the Benjamite from Bahurim. And he himself cursed me with a grievous curse on the day of my going to Mahanaim. And he himself went down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by Yahweh, saying, 'I will not put you to death by the sword.'

UST

⁸ Also, you remember Gera's son Shimei from the town of Bahurim in the area where the descendants of Benjamin live. You know what he did to me. He cursed me terribly on the day I left Jerusalem and went to the town of Mahanaim. But when he later came down to see me when I was crossing the Jordan River, I solemnly promised, while Yahweh listened, that I would not cause him to be executed.

What had Shimei done to King David?

Shimei had violently cursed King David.

1 Kings 2:9**ULT**

⁹ And now, do not leave him unpunished. For you are a wise man, and you know what you shall do to him. And you shall cause his gray hair to go down with blood to Sheol."

UST

⁹ But now you must surely punish him. You are a wise man, so you will know what you should do to him. He is an old man, but be sure that his blood flows when he dies."

What did King David tell Solomon to do to Shimei?

David told Solomon not to let Shimei go free from punishment, but to bring him down to the grave with blood.

1 Kings 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And David lay down with his fathers and he was buried in the city of David.

UST

¹⁰ Then David died and was buried in that part of Jerusalem which was called the city of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the days that David reigned over Israel were 40 years. In Hebron he reigned seven years and in Jerusalem he reigned 33 years.

UST

¹¹ David had been king of Israel for forty years. He ruled for seven years in Hebron and for thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

How long did King David reign over Israel?

David reigned for forty years.

1 Kings 2:12**ULT**

¹² And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father. And his kingdom was firmly established.

UST

¹² Solomon became the ruler to take the place of his father David and took control of all of the kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:13**ULT**

¹³ And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, "Is your coming peaceful?" And he said, "It is peaceful."

UST

¹³ One day Adonijah came to Solomon's mother Bathsheba. She said to him, "Have you come because you want things to go well?" He replied, "Yes."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he said, "A word is for me to you." And she said, "Speak."

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¹⁴ But then he said, "I have something to request you to do." She said, "Tell me what you want me to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he said, "You yourself know that the kingship was for me, and all Israel had set their faces on me to reign. But the kingship turned around and became for my brother, for from Yahweh it was for him.

UST

¹⁵ He said, "You know that all the Israelite people expected me to be their king because I am David's oldest son. But that did not happen. Instead, my younger brother became king, because that is what Yahweh wanted.

What did Adonijah say to Bathsheba when he came to her?

Adonijah said that all Israel expected him to be King.

1 Kings 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And now, I am requesting one request from with you, do not turn back my face." And she said to him, "Speak."

UST

¹⁶ Now I have one thing that I request you to do. Please do not refuse to do it." She replied, "Tell me what you want me to do."

What did Adonijah request from Bathsheba?

Adonijah requested that she ask Solomon for Abishag the Shunammite to be given to him as his wife.

1 Kings 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he said, "Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not turn back your face, that he may give to me Abishag the Shunammite for a wife."

UST

¹⁷ He said, "Please ask King Solomon to give to me Abishag, the woman from the town of Shunem, to be my wife. I am sure that he will not refuse."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Bathsheba said, "Good, I myself will speak concerning you to the king."

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¹⁸ Bathsheba replied, "Very well, I will speak to the king for you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Bathsheba came to the king Solomon to speak to him concerning Adonijah. And the king rose to meet her and he bowed down to her and he sat on his throne. And he set a throne for the mother of the king, and she sat by his right hand.

UST

¹⁹ So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to tell him what Adonijah wanted. The king got up from his throne and went to greet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat on his throne again and asked someone to bring a chair for her. So she sat down at the king's right side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ And she said, "One small request I am requesting from with you, do not turn back my face." And the king said to her, "Request, my mother, for I will not turn back your face."

UST

²⁰ Then she said, "I have one small thing that I want you do. Please do not say that you will not do it." The king replied, "Mother, what do you want? I will not refuse you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:21**ULT**

²¹ And she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother for a wife."

UST

²¹ She said, "Allow Abishag to be given to your older brother Adonijah to be his wife."

Why did Bathsheba go to Solomon?

Bathsheba went to Solomon to ask that Abishag would be given to Adonijah as his wife.

1 Kings 2:22**ULT**

²² And the king Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you requesting Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Then request for him the kingship, for he is my brother, older than I, and for him and for Abiathar the priest and for Joab the son of Zeruah!"

UST

²² The king replied angrily, "What? Are you requesting me to give Abishag to Adonijah? Does he want me to allow him to rule the kingdom, too? Because he is my older brother, does he think that he should be the king? Does he think that Abiathar should be the priest instead of Zadok, and that Joab should be the army commander instead of Benaiah because they supported him when he tried to become the king?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:23**ULT**

²³ And the king Solomon swore by Yahweh, saying, "Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, unless by his life Adonijah has spoken this word.

UST

²³ Then Solomon solemnly promised, requesting Yahweh to listen, "I wish God to strike me and kill me if I do not cause Adonijah to be executed for requesting this!

What did King Solomon say in response to Bathsheba?

Solomon said that Adonijah had spoken this request at the cost of his life.

1 Kings 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ And now, as Yahweh is alive, who has established me and caused me to sit on the throne of David my father, and who has made for me a house just as he said, surely today Adonijah shall be put to death."

UST

²⁴ Yahweh has appointed me to be the king and placed me here to rule as my father David did. He has promised that my descendants will be the kings of Israel. So just as surely as Yahweh lives, I solemnly promise that Adonijah will be executed today!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ And the king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And he attacked him and he died.

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²⁵ So King Solomon gave orders to Benaiah to go and kill Adonijah, and Benaiah did that.

Who did King Solomon send to execute Adonijah?

Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada to execute him.

1 Kings 2:26**ULT**

²⁶ And with respect to Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to your fields. For you are a man of death, but I will not put you to death on this day, because you lifted the box of my Lord Yahweh before the face of David my father and because you were afflicted with all that my father was afflicted."

UST

²⁶ Then Solomon said to Abiathar the priest, "Go to the town of Anathoth, to your land there. You deserve to be killed, but I will not execute you now, because you were the one who supervised the men who carried Yahweh's sacred chest for David my father, and you endured all the troubles that my father endured."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Solomon drove Abiathar out from being a priest to Yahweh, to fulfill the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

UST

²⁷ So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being the priest of Yahweh. By doing that he caused to happen what Yahweh had said many years previously at Shiloh, that some day he would get rid of the descendants of Eli.

What did King Solomon tell Abiathar the priest to do?

Solomon told Abiathar to go back to his fields and dismissed him from being priest.

1 Kings 2:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the report came as far as Joab, for Joab had turned aside after Adonijah, but he had not turned aside after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of Yahweh and he took hold of the horns of the altar.

UST

²⁸ Joab had not supported Absalom when he tried to become the king, but he had supported Adonijah. So when Joab heard what had happened, he ran to the sacred tent, and he took hold of the altar because he thought that no one would kill him there.

Where did Joab go to flee from Solomon?

Joab fled to the tent of Yahweh and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1 Kings 2:29**ULT**

²⁹ And it was told to the king Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of Yahweh, and behold, he was beside the altar. And Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, attack him."

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²⁹ When someone told Solomon that Joab had run to the sacred tent and was alongside the altar, Solomon told Benaiah, "Go and execute Joab."

What did King Solomon send Benaiah son of Jehoiada to do?

Solomon sent him to kill Joab.

1 Kings 2:30**ULT**

³⁰ And Benaiah entered into the tent of Yahweh and he said to him, "Thus says the king, 'Come out!'" And he said, "No, for here I will die." And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, "Thus has spoken Joab and thus he answered me."

UST

³⁰ So Benaiah went to the sacred tent and said to Joab, "The king commands that you come out." But Joab replied, "No, I will die here." So Benaiah went back to the king and reported what he had said to Joab, and what Joab had replied.

What did Joab say to Benaiah the son of Jehoiada?

Joab told him that he would not come out of the temple and would die at the altar.

1 Kings 2:31**ULT**

³¹ And the king said to him, "Do just as he has spoken and attack him and bury him. And you will remove from on me and from on the house of my father the bloodshed without cause that Joab poured out.

UST

³¹ The king replied to him, "Do what he has requested. Kill him and bury his body. If you do that, I and my descendants will no longer be punished for what Joab did when he killed two men who were innocent.

What did King Solomon tell Benaiah to do to Joab?

Solomon told Benaiah to do as Joab asked.

1 Kings 2:32**ULT**

³² And Yahweh will return his blood on his head, because he attacked two men more righteous and better than himself and he slew them with the sword, and my father David did not know: Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah.

UST

³² But I hope that Yahweh will punish Joab for attacking and killing Abner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa, the commander of the army of Judah, who were both much better men than he is. My father David did not even know that Joab was planning to murder them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:33**ULT**

³³ And their shed blood will return on the head of Joab and on the head of his seed to eternity. But for David and for his seed and for his house and for his throne will be peace until eternity from with Yahweh."

UST

³³ I hope that Yahweh will punish Joab and his descendants forever for his murdering Abner and Amasa. But I hope that things will go well forever for David's descendants who rule as he did."

Why did King Solomon want Joab to be killed?

Solomon wanted Joab to be killed because Joab attacked and killed Abner and Amasa without King David knowing about it.

1 Kings 2:34**ULT**

³⁴ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and attacked him and put him to death. And he was buried in his house in the wilderness.

UST

³⁴ So Benaiah went into the sacred tent and killed Joab. Joab was buried on his property in the wilderness of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:35**ULT**

³⁵ And the king gave Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army. And Zadok the priest the king gave in place of Abiathar.

UST

³⁵ Then the king appointed Benaiah to be the commander of the army instead of Joab, and he appointed Zadok to be the priest instead of Abiathar.

What did King Solomon do to reward Benaiah son of Jehoiada?

Solomon put him in charge of the army.

1 Kings 2:36**ULT**

³⁶ And the king sent and called for Shimei, and he said to him, "Build a house for yourself in Jerusalem and dwell there. And do not go out from there here or there.

UST

³⁶ Then the king sent a messenger to summon Shimei, and the king said to him, "Build a house for yourself here in Jerusalem. Remain there and do not leave the city to go anywhere.

Where did King Solomon allow Shimei to live?

Solomon told Shimei that he could live in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 2:37**ULT**

³⁷ And it will happen on the day when you go out and you pass over the wadi of Kidron, know surely that you will surely die. Your blood will be on your head."

UST

³⁷ Be sure that the day that you leave Jerusalem and go across the Kidron Brook, you will be executed, and it will be your own fault."

What warning did King Solomon give to Shimei when he allowed him to live in Jerusalem?

Solomon told Shimei that if he left Jerusalem to go any other place, he would be killed.

1 Kings 2:38**ULT**

³⁸ And Shimei said to the king, "The word is good. Just as my master the king has spoken, thus your servant will do." And Shimei dwelled in Jerusalem many days.

UST

³⁸ Shimei replied, "Your Majesty, what you say is good. I will do what you have said." So Shimei remained in Jerusalem for several years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:39**ULT**

³⁹ And it happened from the end of three years that two of the slaves of Shimei fled to Achish the son of Maacah, the king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "Behold, your slaves are in Gath."

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³⁹ But three years later, two of Shimei's slaves ran away. They went to stay with Maacah's son Achish, the king of the city of Gath. When someone told Shimei that they were in Gath,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And Shimei rose and saddled his donkey and went to Gath, to Achish, to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought back his slaves from Gath.

UST

⁴⁰ he put a saddle on his donkey and got on the donkey and went to Gath. He found his slaves staying with King Achish and brought them back home.

Why did Shimei saddle his donkey and leave Jerusalem to go to Gath?

Shimei went to Gath to bring back two of his servants who had run away from him.

1 Kings 2:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And it was told to Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had returned.

UST

⁴¹ But someone told King Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had returned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:42**ULT**

⁴² And the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, "Did I not cause you to swear by Yahweh and testify against you, saying, 'On the day when you go out and go here or there, surely know that you will surely die'? And you said to me, 'The word I have heard is good.'"

UST

⁴² So the king sent a soldier to summon Shimei and said to him, "I told you to solemnly promise, knowing that Yahweh was listening, that you must not leave Jerusalem. I told you, 'Be sure that if you ever leave Jerusalem, you will be executed.' And you replied to me, 'What you have said is good; I will do what you have said.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:43**ULT**

⁴³ And why did you not keep the oath of Yahweh and the command that I commanded concerning you?"

UST

⁴³ So why did you not do what you solemnly promised to Yahweh? Why did you disobey what I commanded you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And the king said to Shimei, "You yourself know all the evil that your heart knows, that you did to David my father. And Yahweh will return your evil on your head.

UST

⁴⁴ The king also said to Shimei, "You know in your inner being all the evil things that you did to my father David. So Yahweh will now punish you for the evil things that you did.

What did King Solomon say that Shimei had done to Yahweh?

Solomon told Shimei that he had not kept his oath to Yahweh, and that Yahweh would return his wickedness back on his own head.

1 Kings 2:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ But the king Solomon will be blessed, and the throne of David will be established before the face of Yahweh until eternity."

UST

⁴⁵ But Yahweh will bless me, and he will enable David's descendants to rule forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and attacked him, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

UST

⁴⁶ Then the king gave a command to Benaiah son of Jehoiada. He went out and put Shimei to death. So Solomon obtained complete control of the kingdom.

What did King Solomon do when he was told that Shimei had left Jerusalem?

Solomon told Benaiah the son of Jehoiada to kill Shimei.

1 Kings 3

1 Kings 3:1

ULT

¹ And Solomon made himself the son-in-law of Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And he took the daughter of Pharaoh and he brought her into the city of David until his completing to build his house and the house of Yahweh and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

UST

¹ Now Solomon made an agreement to marry the daughter of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Then Solomon brought the king's daughter to live in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. She lived there until Solomon's workers had finished building his house, the temple of Yahweh, and the wall around Jerusalem.

How did King Solomon ally himself with Pharaoh king of Egypt?

Solomon allied himself to Pharaoh by marrying his daughter.

1 Kings 3:2

ULT

² Only the people were sacrificing at the high places because a house had not been built for the name of Yahweh until those days.

UST

² At that time the temple of Yahweh had not yet been built, so the Israelite people were still offering sacrifices at many other places of worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:3

ULT

³ And Solomon loved Yahweh by walking in the statutes of David his father, but at the high places he was sacrificing and burning incense.

UST

³ Solomon loved Yahweh, and he obeyed all the instructions that his father David had given him. But he also offered sacrifices and burned incense at various places.

What thing did King Solomon do that was not a statute of Yahweh?

Solomon sacrificed and burned incense at the shrines.

1 Kings 3:4**ULT**

⁴ And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for it was the great high place. Solomon offered up a thousand burnt up offerings on that altar.

UST

⁴ One day the king went to the city of Gibeon to offer a sacrifice there, because that was where a very famous place of worship was. He offered a thousand whole burnt sacrifices there.

Where was the great shrine located?

The great shrine was located in Gibeon.

1 Kings 3:5**ULT**

⁵ At Gibeon Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream that night. And God said, "Request! What should I give to you?"

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⁵ That night, Yahweh appeared to him at Gibeon in a dream. He asked him, "What would you like me to give to you?"

How did Yahweh appear to King Solomon?

Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

1 Kings 3:6**ULT**

⁶ And Solomon said, "You yourself have did great covenant faithfulness with your servant David, my father, because he walked before your face in faithfulness and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with you. And you have kept for him this great covenant faithfulness and you have given to him a son sitting on his throne as it is this day.

UST

⁶ Solomon replied, "You always greatly and faithfully loved my father David, who served you well. You did that because he was faithful to you and acted righteously and honestly toward you. And you have shown how greatly and faithfully you loved him by giving me to him, his son, and now I am ruling as he did before he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:7**ULT**

⁷ And now, Yahweh my God, you yourself have caused your servant to reign in place of David my father, but I am a young youth. I do not know going out or coming in.

UST

⁷ Now, Yahweh my God, you have enabled me to be the king like my father was. But I am very young, like a little child. I do not know how to rule my people at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:8**ULT**

⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people, whom you have chosen, a numerous people who can not be numbered and can not be counted because of abundance.

UST

⁸ I live among the people whom you have chosen. They are a very large group of people. There are very, very many of them; no one can count them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:9**ULT**

⁹ And may you give to your servant a heart that hears to judge your people, to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge your people, this heavy one?"

UST

⁹ So please enable me to think clearly, in order that I may rule your people well. Enable me to know what is good and what is evil. If you do not do that, I will never be able to rule this great group of people who belong to you."

What did King Solomon ask of Yahweh?

Solomon asked Yahweh to give him an understanding heart to judge his people.

1 Kings 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the thing was good in the eyes of the Lord, that Solomon had requested this thing.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh was very pleased that Solomon had requested that.

Did King Solomon's request please the Lord?

Yes, Solomon's request pleased the Lord.

1 Kings 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have requested this thing and you have not requested for yourself many days, and you have not requested riches for yourself, and you have not requested the life of your enemies, but you requested for yourself discerning to hear justice,

UST

¹¹ God said to him, "You did not request that you live for many years or that you become very rich or that you be able to kill all your enemies. Instead, you have requested that I enable you to be wise, in order that you will be able to know and to do what is right while you govern these people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:12**ULT**

¹² behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given to you a wise and discerning heart, so that one has not been like you before your face, and after you will not rise one like you.

UST

¹² So I will certainly do what you requested. I will enable you to be very wise. The result will be that no one who has lived before you or who will live after you will be as wise as you are.

What did God give to King Solomon?

God gave Solomon a wise and understanding heart so that there was no one else like him.

1 Kings 3:13**ULT**

¹³ And also what you have not requested I have given to you, both riches and honor, so that there will not be a man like you among the kings all of your days.

UST

¹³ I will also give you things that you did not request. I will enable you to become very rich and honored, all of the years that you live. You will be richer and more honored than any other king.

Did God give King Solomon something for which he did not ask?

Yes, God gave Solomon both riches and honor.

1 Kings 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David your father walked, then I will lengthen your days."

UST

¹⁴ If you conduct your life as I want you to, and if you obey all my laws and commandments, as your father David did, I will enable you to live for many years."

What did God say he would do if Solomon walked in God's statutes and commands as King David did?

God said he would lengthen Solomon's days.

1 Kings 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream! And he entered Jerusalem and he stood before the face of the box of the covenant of the Lord. And he offered up burnt offerings and he made peace offerings. And he made a feast for all his servants.

UST

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke, and he realized that God had spoken to him in a dream. Then he went to Jerusalem and stood in front of the sacred tent where the sacred chest was, and he offered many sacrifices that were completely burned on the altar and offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh. Then he made a feast for all his officials.

What did King Solomon do after he woke up from sleeping?

Solomon came to Jerusalem and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings and made a feast for his servants.

1 Kings 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ At that time two women, prostitutes, came to the king and they stood before his face.

UST

¹⁶ One day two prostitutes came and stood in front of King Solomon.

Who came and stood before King Solomon?

Two women who were prostitutes came and stood before Solomon.

1 Kings 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the one woman said, "Please, my master, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I gave birth with her in the house.

UST

¹⁷ One of them said, "Your Majesty, this woman and I live in the same house. I gave birth to a baby while she was there in the house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And it happened on the third day of my giving birth that this woman also gave birth. And we were together, there was no stranger with us in the house, only we two were in the house.

UST

¹⁸ On the third day after my baby was born, this woman also gave birth to a baby. Only the two of us were in the house. There was no one else there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the son of this woman died at night, because she lay on him.

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¹⁹ But one night this woman's baby died because she accidentally rolled on top of her baby and smothered it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ And she arose in the middle of the night and she took my son from my side, and your female servant was asleep. And she laid him in her bosom. And her son, the one who died, she laid in my bosom.

UST

²⁰ So she got up at midnight and took my baby boy who was lying beside me while I was sleeping. She carried him to her bed and brought her dead baby and put it in my bed.

What did the one woman say to King Solomon?

The one woman said that the other woman took her living son from her and laid the other woman's dead son at her breast while she slept.

1 Kings 3:21**ULT**

²¹ And I rose in the morning to nurse my son, and behold, he was dead! And I considered diligently with respect to him in the morning, and behold, he was not my son, whom I had borne!"

UST

²¹ When I awoke the next morning and was ready to nurse my baby, I saw that it was dead. But when I looked at it closely in the morning light, I saw that it was not my baby!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:22**ULT**

²² And the other woman said, "No, but my son is the living one, and your son is the dead one." And this one was saying, "No, but your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one." And they spoke before the face of the king.

UST

²² But the other woman said, "That is not true! The baby that is alive is mine, and the baby that is dead is yours!" Then the first woman said, "No, the dead baby is yours, and the one that is alive is mine!" And they continued to argue in front of the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:23**ULT**

²³ And the king said, "This one says, 'This is my son, the living one, and your son is the dead one,' but this one says, 'No, but your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'"

UST

²³ Then the king said, "Both of you are saying, 'My baby is the one that is alive and the one that is dead is yours.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the king said, "Take a sword for me." And they brought the sword before the face of the king.

UST

²⁴ So he said to one of his servants, "Bring me a sword." So the servant brought a sword to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ And the king said, "Divide the living child into two pieces, and give the half to one and the half to the other."

UST

²⁵ Then the king said to the servant, "Cut the baby that is alive into two parts. Give one part to each of the women."

What command did King Solomon give to his servants?

Solomon said to bring a sword and divide the living child in two and give the parts to the two women.

1 Kings 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the woman whose son was the living one said to the king, for her compassionate feelings for her son became warm. And she said, "Please, my master, give to her the living child, and you must certainly not put him to death!" But this one was saying, "Either for me or for you he will not be. Divide!"

UST

²⁶ But the woman whose baby was alive greatly loved her baby, so she said to the king, "No, Your Majesty! Do not allow him to kill the baby! Give her the child that is alive!" But the other woman said to the king, "No, cut it in half. Then it will not be her baby or my baby."

What did the first woman say to King Solomon?

The first woman said to give the living child to the second woman and not kill it.

1 Kings 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the king answered and said, "Give to her the living child, and you must certainly not put him to death. She is his mother."

UST

²⁷ Then the king said to the servant, "Do not kill the baby. Give the baby to the woman who said, 'Do not cut the baby in half,' because she is truly the baby's mother."

What did King Solomon say to do with the living child?

Solomon said to give the living child to the first woman and by no means kill it.

1 Kings 3:28**ULT**

²⁸ And all Israel heard the judgment that the king had judged, and they were afraid from the face of the king, because they saw that the wisdom of God was within him to do justice.

UST

²⁸ All the Israelite people heard about what the king had decided, and they had an awesome respect for him. They realized that God had truly enabled him to be very wise, to judge people's matters fairly.

What did all of Israel do when they heard of the judgement the king had given?

All of Israel feared the king because they saw the wisdom that God gave him for giving judgments.

1 Kings 4

1 Kings 4:1

ULT

¹ And King Solomon was king over all Israel.

UST

¹ Now when Solomon was king over all Israel,

Was Solomon king over all Israel?

Yes, Solomon was king over all Israel.

1 Kings 4:2

ULT

² And these were the officials which were for him: Azariah the son of Zadok was the priest.

UST

² these were his most important officials: Azariah, whose father was Zadok, was the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:3

ULT

³ Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, were scribes. Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder.

UST

³ Shisha's sons Elihoreph and Ahijah were the official secretaries. Ahilud's son Jehoshaphat was the one who announced to the people the king's decisions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:4**ULT**

⁴ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army. And Zadok and Abiathar were priests.

UST

⁴ Benaiah was the army commander. Zadok and Abiathar were also priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:5**ULT**

⁵ And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the stationed ones. And Zabud the son of Nathan was a priest, the friend of the king.

UST

⁵ Azariah, whose father was Nathan, was in charge of the governors. Another of Nathan's sons, Zabud, was a priest and the king's chief advisor.

Did King Solomon have officials and officers?

King Solomon had many men who were officials and officers.

1 Kings 4:6**ULT**

⁶ And Ahishar was over the house. And Adoniram the son of Abda was over the forced labor.

UST

⁶ Ahishar supervised the servants who worked in the palace. Abda's son Adoniram supervised the men who were forced to do work for the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:7**ULT**

⁷ And for Solomon were 12 stationed ones over all Israel, and they sustained the king and his house. A month in the year it would be on one to sustain.

UST

⁷ Solomon appointed twelve men to govern the districts in Israel. They also were required to provide food for the king and all the others who lived and worked in the palace. Each man was required to provide from his own district the food for one month in each year.

How long did each of Solomon's officers provide food for his household?

Each officer had to make provision for one month of the year.

1 Kings 4:8**ULT**

⁸ And these were their names: Ben Hur in the hill country of Ephraim,

UST

⁸ Their names were: Ben-Hur, for the hill area of the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:9**ULT**

⁹ Ben Deker in Makaz and in Shaalbim and Beth Shemesh and Elon Beth Hanan,

UST

⁹ Ben-Deker, for the cities of Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh, and Elon Bethhanan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Ben Hesus in the Arubboth (for him was Sokoh and all the land of Hephher),

UST

¹⁰ Ben-Hesus, for the cities of Arubboth and Sokoh and the area near the city of Hephher,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ Ben Abinadab was for all Naphoth Dor (Taphath, the daughter of Solomon, was for him for a wife),

UST

¹¹ Ben-Abinadab, who was married to Solomon's daughter Taphath, for all the district of Dor,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:12**ULT**

¹² Baana the son of Ahilud in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth Shan that is beside Zarethan from below Jezreel, from Beth Shan as far as Abel Meholah, as far as from the other side of Jokmeam,

UST

¹² Ahilud's son Baana, for the cities of Taanach and Megiddo, for all the region near the city of Zarethan, and from the city of Beth Shan south of Jezreel as far as the cities of Abel Meholah and Jokmeam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:13**ULT**

¹³ Ben Geber in Ramoth Gilead, for him were the villages of Jair the son of Manasseh that were in Gilead, for him was the region of Argob, which was in the Bashan—60 great cities with a wall and a gate bar of bronze;

UST

¹³ Ben-Geber, for the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead, for the villages in Gilead that belonged to Jair, who was a descendant of Manasseh, and for the area of Argob in the region of Bashan. There were sixty large cities in that region altogether, each city with a wall around it and bronze bars across the gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Ahinadab the son of Iddo in Mahanaim,

UST

¹⁴ Iddo's son Ahinadab, for the city of Mahanaim east of the Jordan River;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Ahimaaz in Naphtali (he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon for a wife),

UST

¹⁵ Ahimaaz, who had married Solomon's daughter Basemath, for the territory of the tribe of Naphtali,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Baana the son of Hushai in Asher and Bealoth,

UST

¹⁶ Hushai's son Baana, for the territory of the tribe of Asher and for the city of Aloth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah in Issachar,

UST

¹⁷ Paruah's son Jehoshaphat, for the territory of the tribe of Issachar,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Shimei the son of Ela in Benjamin,

UST

¹⁸ Ela's son Shimei, for the territory of the tribe of Benjamin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Geber the son of Uri in the land of Gilead, the land of Sihon, the king of the Amorite and Og, the king of the Bashan, and he was the one stationed one who was in the land.

UST

¹⁹ Uri's son Geber, for the region of Gilead, the land that Sihon the king of the Amor people group formerly ruled, and Og who formerly ruled the region of Bashan. In addition to all these, Solomon appointed one governor for the territory of the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ Judah and Israel were numerous as the sand that is on the sea according to abundance. They were eating and drinking and rejoicing.

UST

²⁰ There were as many people in Judah and Israel as there are grains of sand on the seashore. They had plenty to eat and drink, and they were happy.

How numerous were Judah and Israel?

Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand by the sea.

1 Kings 4:21**ULT**

²¹ And Solomon was ruling over all the kingdoms from the river to the land of the Philistines and as far as the border of Egypt, bringing tribute near and serving Solomon all the days of his life.

UST

²¹ Solomon's kingdom extended from the Euphrates River in the northeast to the region of Philistia in the west and to the border of Egypt in the south. The conquered people in those areas paid taxes and were under Solomon's control all during his life.

How far did Solomon rule?

Solomon ruled over the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines to the border of Egypt.

1 Kings 4:22**ULT**

²² And the bread of Solomon for one day was 30 cors of fine flour and 60 cors of flour,

UST

²² The people whom Solomon ruled were required to bring to Solomon every day thirty donkey-loads of fine flour and sixty donkey-loads of wheat,

What was Solomon's provision for one day? (vv22-23)

Solomon's provision for one day included flour, meal, oxen, sheep, deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.

1 Kings 4:23**ULT**

²³ ten fat cattle and 20 pasture cattle and 100 sheep, apart from deer and gazelle and roebuck and fattened fowl.

UST

²³ ten head of cattle that had been raised in stalls, twenty head of cattle raised in pastures, one hundred sheep, grain-fed poultry—and wild game: deer, gazelle, and roebucks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ For he had dominion over all beyond the river, from Tiphshah and as far as Gaza, over all the kings of beyond the river. And peace was for him from all his sides, from all around.

UST

²⁴ Solomon ruled over all the area west of the Euphrates River, from the city of Tiphshah in the northeast to the city of Gaza in the southwest. He ruled over all the kings in that area. There was peace between his government and the governments of nearby countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Judah and Israel dwelled in safety, a man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan and as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

UST

²⁵ All during the years that Solomon ruled, the people of Judah and Israel lived safely.

How did Judah and Israel live all of the days of Solomon?

Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and under his fig tree all the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ And there was for Solomon 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariotry and 12,000 horsemen.

UST

²⁶ Solomon had forty thousand stalls for the horses that pulled his chariots and twelve thousand men who rode on horses.

How many stalls of horses did Solomon have for his chariots?

Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots.

1 Kings 4:27**ULT**

²⁷ And those stationed ones sustained the king Solomon and all the ones who came near to the table of the king Solomon, a man his month. They would not let anything be lacking.

UST

²⁷ His twelve district governors supplied the food that King Solomon needed for himself and for all those who ate in the palace. Each governor supplied food for one month each year. They provided everything that Solomon required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:28**ULT**

²⁸ And they brought the barley and the straw for the horses and for the steed to the place there where it should be, a man according to his regulation.

UST

²⁸ They also brought stalks of barley and wheat for the fast horses that pulled the chariots and for the other work horses. They brought this fodder to the places where the horses were kept.

What was brought for Solomon's horses?

Barley and straw were brought for the chariot horses and the riding horses.

1 Kings 4:29**ULT**

²⁹ And God gave wisdom to Solomon and very much understanding and width of heart like the sand that is on the lip of the sea.

UST

²⁹ God enabled Solomon to be extremely wise and to have great understanding. He enjoyed learning about a huge number of things.

What did God give to Solomon?

God gave Solomon great wisdom and understanding.

1 Kings 4:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the wisdom of Solomon was greater than the wisdom of all the sons of the east and than all the wisdom of Egypt.

UST

³⁰ He was wiser than all the wise men in the regions east of Israel, and all the wise men in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:31**ULT**

³¹ And he was wiser than every man, than Ethan the Ezrahite and Heman and Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his name was in all the surrounding nations.

UST

³¹ Ethan from Ezrah and Heman and Kalkol and Darda and the sons of Mahol were considered to be very wise, but Solomon was wiser than all of them. People in all the nearby countries heard about Solomon.

How far did Solomon's fame reach?

Solomon's fame reached to all of the surrounding nations.

1 Kings 4:32**ULT**

³² And he spoke 3,000 proverbs and his songs were 1,005.

UST

³² He composed more than one thousand songs.

How many proverbs and songs did Solomon have?

Solomon had three thousand proverbs and one thousand and five songs.

1 Kings 4:33**ULT**

³³ And he spoke concerning the trees, from the cedar that is in the Lebanon and as far as the hyssop that comes out on the wall. And he spoke concerning the beast and concerning the bird and concerning the creeping thing and concerning the fish.

UST

³³ He talked about various kinds of plants, from the huge cedar trees in Lebanon to the tiny hyssop plants that grow in cracks in walls. He also talked about wild animals, birds, reptiles, and fish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:34

ULT

³⁴ And they came from all the peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from with all the kings of the earth who had heard his wisdom.

UST

³⁴ People came from all over the world to hear the wise things that Solomon said. Many kings sent men to listen to him and then return and tell them what Solomon said.

How far did people come to hear the wisdom of Solomon?

People came from all the nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

1 Kings 5

1 Kings 5:1

ULT

¹ And Hiram the king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him as king in place of his father, for Hiram was a one loved by David all the days.

UST

¹ Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had always been a close friend of King David. When he heard that Solomon had been appointed to become the king after his father was no longer king, he sent messengers to Solomon.

Who sent servants to Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon.

1 Kings 5:2

ULT

² And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

UST

² Solomon gave those messengers this message to take back to Hiram:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:3

ULT

³ "You yourself knew David my father, that he was not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh his God because of the face of the warfare that surrounded him, until Yahweh was giving them under the soles of his feet.

UST

³ "You know that my father David led his soldiers to fight many wars against his enemies in the nearby countries. So he could not try to build a temple in which we could worship Yahweh our God, until after Yahweh enabled the Israelite army to defeat all his enemies.

Why was David not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh?

David was not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh because of wars.

1 Kings 5:4**ULT**

⁴ But now, Yahweh my God has given rest to me from all around. There is no adversary and there is no evil occurrence.

UST

⁴ But now Yahweh our God has enabled us to have peace with all the surrounding countries. There is no danger that we will be attacked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:5**ULT**

⁵ And behold I am saying to build a house for the name of Yahweh my God, just as Yahweh spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will give in your place on your throne, he will build the house for my name.'

UST

⁵ Yahweh promised my father David, 'Your son, whom I will enable to be king after you are no longer king, will build a temple for me, Yahweh your God.'

What did Yahweh tell David?

Yahweh told David, "your son whom I will set on the throne will build a temple for my name."

1 Kings 5:6**ULT**

⁶ And now, command and let them cut for me cedars from the Lebanon and let my servants be with your servants and I will give to you the wage of your servants according to all that you say. For you yourself know that there is no man among us knowing how to cut trees like the Sidonians."

UST

⁶ So I am requesting that you command your workers to cut cedar trees for me. My men will work with them, and I will pay your workers whatever you decide. But my men cannot do the work alone, because they do not know how to cut down trees like your workers from the city of Sidon do."

What did Solomon ask Hiram to do?

Solomon asked Hiram to command his servants to cut cedars from Lebanon for him.

1 Kings 5:7**ULT**

⁷ And it happened as soon as Hiram heard the words of Solomon that he rejoiced exceedingly. And he said, "Blessed be Yahweh today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people."

UST

⁷ When Hiram heard the message from Solomon, he was very happy and said, "I praise Yahweh today for giving David a very wise son to rule that great nation!"

What did Hiram do when he heard Solomon's words?

Hiram rejoiced greatly and said, "May Yahweh be blessed today."

1 Kings 5:8**ULT**

⁸ And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have heard what you sent to me. I myself will do all your desire with the trees of cedar and with the trees of cypress.

UST

⁸ He sent this message back to Solomon, "I have heard the message that you sent to me, and I am ready to do what you ask. I will provide cedar and cypress logs.

Did Hiram do what Solomon asked him to do?

Yes, Hiram sent word saying, "I will do all you desire concerning the timber of cedar and cypress."

1 Kings 5:9**ULT**

⁹ And my servants will bring down from the Lebanon to the sea, and I myself will set rafts on the sea as far as the place where you send for me. And I will break them up there and you yourself will lift. And you yourself will do my desire by giving the bread of my house."

UST

⁹ My workers will bring the logs down from the Lebanon mountains to the Mediterranean Sea. Then they will tie them together to make rafts to float them in the water along the coast to the place that you indicate. Then my workers will untie the logs, and your workers will take them from there. What I want you to do is to supply food for my men."

What would Hiram's servants do with the trees?

Hiram's servants brought the trees down from Lebanon to the sea where they were made into rafts.

What was Hiram's desire?

Hiram desired that Solomon would give food for his household.

1 Kings 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Hiram was giving to Solomon trees of cedar and trees of cypress, all of his desire.

UST

¹⁰ So Hiram arranged for his workers to supply all the cedar and cypress logs that Solomon wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Solomon gave to Hiram 20,000 kors of wheat as food for his house and 20 kors of beaten oil. Thus Solomon would give to Hiram year by year.

UST

¹¹ Each year Solomon gave Hiram 3,520 cubic meters of wheat and 416,350 liters of pure olive oil to feed his workers.

What food did Solomon give to Hiram?

Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat and twenty measures of pure oil every year.

1 Kings 5:12**ULT**

¹² And Yahweh gave wisdom to Solomon, just as he spoke to him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon and the two of them cut a covenant.

UST

¹² Yahweh enabled Solomon to be wise, just like he had promised. Solomon and Hiram made a treaty.

Was there peace between Hiram and Solomon?

Yes, there was peace between Hiram and Solomon and the two of them made a covenant.

1 Kings 5:13**ULT**

¹³ And the king Solomon brought up forced labor from all Israel. And the forced labor was 30,000 men.

UST

¹³ King Solomon forced thirty thousand men from all over Israel to become his workers.

How many forced laborers did Solomon have out of Israel?

Solomon had thirty thousand forced laborers out of Israel.

1 Kings 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 by the month in shifts. They were a month in the Lebanon, two months in his house. And Adoniram was over the forced labor.

UST

¹⁴ Adoniram was their boss. Solomon divided the men into three groups. Each month ten thousand of them went to Lebanon and worked for a month there, and then they came back home for two months.

Who did Solomon put over all of the forced laborers?

Solomon put Adoniram over all of the forced laborers.

1 Kings 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And there was for Solomon 70,000 who lift a burden and 80,000 who hew in the hill country,

UST

¹⁵ Solomon also forced eighty thousand men to cut stones in the hill country and seventy thousand men to haul the stones to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ apart from the officials of the stationed ones of Solomon who were over the work, 3,300 were the ones having dominion over the people, the ones who were doing the work.

UST

¹⁶ He also assigned 3,300 men to supervise their work.

Did Solomon have men who supervised all of the workers?

Yes, Solomon had 3,300 chief officers who were over the work and supervised the workers.

1 Kings 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the king commanded and they removed large stones, precious stones to found the house, stones of hewing.

UST

¹⁷ The king also commanded his workers to cut huge blocks of stones from the quarries and to smooth the sides of the stones. These huge stones were for the foundation of the temple.

What did the workers quarry for the foundation of the house of Yahweh?

The workers quarried large stones for the foundation of the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the builders of Solomon and the builders of Hiram and the Gebalites hewed and they prepared the trees and the stones to build the house.

UST

¹⁸ Solomon's workers and Hiram's workers and men from the city of Gebal shaped the stones and prepared the timber to build the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6

1 Kings 6:1

ULT

¹ And it happened in year 480 of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of the reigning of Solomon over Israel, in the month of Ziv (that is the second month), that he began to build the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹ 480 years after the Israelite people left Egypt, during the fourth year that Solomon ruled Israel, in the second month, that of Ziv, Solomon's workers began to build the temple.

When did Solomon begin building the temple of Yahweh?

Solomon began building the temple of Yahweh in the 480th year after the people of Israel came out of Egypt.

1 Kings 6:2

ULT

² As for the house that the king Solomon built for Yahweh, 60 cubits was its length, and 20 its width, and 30 cubits its height.

UST

² Inside, the main part of the temple was twenty-seven meters long, nine meters wide, and thirteen and one-half meters high.

What were the dimensions of the temple that Solomon built for Yahweh?

The temple that Solomon built was sixty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and thirty cubits high.

1 Kings 6:3

ULT

³ As for the porch on the face of the temple of the house, 20 cubits was its length, in accordance with the face of the width of the house; ten by the cubit was its width in accordance with the face of the house.

UST

³ The front portico was four and one-half meters deep and nine meters wide, just as wide as the main part of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:4**ULT**

⁴ And he made for the house windows with narrowed frames.

UST

⁴ There were openings like windows in the temple walls. The openings were narrower on the outside than on the inside.

Did Solomon make windows for the house?

Yes, Solomon made framed windows for the house.

1 Kings 6:5**ULT**

⁵ And he built against the wall of the house a spread out place all around, the walls of the house all around, for the temple and for the inner room. And he made side rooms all around.

UST

⁵ Against the two sides and the back of the temple walls, they built a structure that had rooms in it. This structure had three levels; each level was two and one-third meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:6**ULT**

⁶ The spread out place of the lowest level, five by the cubit was its width, and the middle level, six by the cubit was its width, and the third level, seven by the cubit was its width. For he gave ledges for the house all around the outside, so not to hold on to the walls of the house.

UST

⁶ Each room in the lowest level was two and one-third meters wide. Each room in the middle level was two and four-fifths meters wide. The rooms in the top level were three and one-tenth meters wide. The wall of the temple at the top level was thinner than the wall at the middle level, and the wall of the middle level was thinner than the wall at the bottom level. In this way, the rooms could rest on the wall underneath them; the rooms did not need wooden beams underneath to support them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:7**ULT**

⁷ As for the house while it was being built, it was built of finished stone of a quarry. And a hammer or the ax, any implement of iron, was not heard in the house while it was being built.

UST

⁷ The huge stones for the foundation of the temple were cut and shaped at the quarry to become very smooth. The result was that while the workers were building the temple there was no noise, because they did not use hammers or chisels or any other iron tools there.

Where were the stones for the house prepared?

The stones for the house were prepared at the quarry.

1 Kings 6:8**ULT**

⁸ The opening of the middle side room was to the shoulder of the house at the south, and by stairs they went up on the middle level, and from the middle level to the third level.

UST

⁸ The entrance to the bottom level of this attached structure was on the south side of the temple. There were stairs from the bottom level to the middle and top levels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:9**ULT**

⁹ And he built the house and he finished it. And he covered the house with beams and rows with the cedars.

UST

⁹ So Solomon's workers finished building the framework of the temple. They made the ceiling from cedar beams and boards.

What did Solomon use to cover the house?

Solomon covered the house with beams and planks of cedar.

1 Kings 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he built the spread out place against all the house, five cubits was its height, and it held on to the house with the wood of cedar.

UST

¹⁰ They built the rooms alongside the main chambers with three levels, each two and one-third meters high, and joined them to the temple with cedar beams.

How were the side rooms joined to the house?

The side rooms were joined to the house with timbers of cedar.

1 Kings 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the word of Yahweh was to Solomon, saying,

UST

¹¹ Then Yahweh said this to Solomon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:12**ULT**

¹² "This house that you are building, if you walk in my statutes and you do my judgments, and you keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will cause my word to stand with you that I spoke to David your father.

UST

¹² "I want to tell you about this temple that you are building. If you continually obey all my statutes and decrees and commands, I will do for you what I promised to your father David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:13**ULT**

¹³ And I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel and I will not forsake my people Israel."

UST

¹³ I will live among the Israelite people, in this temple, and I will never abandon them."

Did Yahweh promise to live among the people of Israel?

Yes, Yahweh promised to live among the people of Israel and to not leave them.

1 Kings 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Solomon built the house and he finished it.

UST

¹⁴ Solomon's workers worked to finish building the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he built the walls of the house on the inside with sides of cedar. From the floor of the house up to the walls of the ceiling, he overlaid wood on the inside, and he overlaid the floor of the house with sides of cypress.

UST

¹⁵ On the inside, they lined the rooms from the floor to the ceiling. They made the floor from cypress boards.

What did Solomon use to build the interior walls of the house?

Solomon used boards of cedar to build the interior walls of the house.

1 Kings 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he built 20 cubits from the rear of the house with sides of cedar from the floor up to the walls. And he built for it on the inside as an inner room, as the holiest holy place.

UST

¹⁶ Inside the back part of the temple they built an inner room, called the very holy place. It was nine meters long. All the walls of this room were lined with cedar boards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And 40 by the cubit was the house (that is the temple) before the face of it.

UST

¹⁷ In front of the very holy place was a room that was eighteen meters long.

What was the length of the main hall of the house?

The main hall of the house was forty cubits long.

1 Kings 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And cedar was into inside the house, carving of gourds and opened ones of flowers. The whole was cedar, there was no stone seen.

UST

¹⁸ The cedar boards on the walls inside the temple were decorated with carvings of gourds and flowers. The walls were completely covered with cedar boards, with the result that the stones of the walls behind them could not be seen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he set up the inner room in the midst of the house on the inside for giving there the box of the covenant of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁹ At the back of the temple they made the very holy place, in order to put the sacred chest there.

Why did Solomon prepare the most holy place inside the house?

Solomon prepared the most holy place inside the house in order to place the ark of the covenant of Yahweh there.

1 Kings 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ And before the face of the inner room, it was 20 cubits in length, and 20 cubits in width, and 20 cubits its height. And he overlaid it with pure gold and he overlaid an altar with cedar.

UST

²⁰ That room was nine meters long, nine meters wide, and nine meters high. They covered the walls with very thin sheets of pure gold. For burning incense they also made an altar of cedar boards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:21**ULT**

²¹ And Solomon overlaid the house on the inside with pure gold. And he crossed chains of gold over the face of the inner room, and he overlaid it with gold.

UST

²¹ Solomon told them to cover the other walls inside the temple with very thin sheets of pure gold and to fasten gold chains across the entrance to the very holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:22**ULT**

²² And he overlaid all the house with gold until finishing all the house. And the whole of the altar that was for the inner room he overlaid with gold.

UST

²² They covered all the walls of the temple and the altar that was outside the very holy place with very thin sheets of gold.

What did Solomon use to overlay the inside of the temple and the altar of the most holy place?

Solomon overlaid the entire interior of the temple and the altar of the most holy place with gold.

1 Kings 6:23**ULT**

²³ And he made in the inner room two cherubs of wood of oil; ten cubits was its height.

UST

²³ Inside the very holy place they made from olive tree wood large statues of two creatures with wings. Each one was four and one-half meters tall.

What was the height of the cherubim that Solomon made for the most holy place?

Solomon made the two cherubim for the most holy place ten cubits high.

1 Kings 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ And five cubits was the wing of the one cherub and five cubits was the wing of the second cherub. It was ten cubits from the ends of its wings and as far as the ends of its wings.

UST

²⁴⁻²⁶ They each were the same size and had the same shape. They each had two wings which were spread out. Each wing was two and one-third meters long, with the result that the distance between the outer ends of the two wings was four and one-half meters across. The height of each cherub was four and one-half meters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ And ten by the cubit was the second cherub, one size and one shape were for the two cherubs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ The height of the one cherub was ten by the cubit and so was the second cherub.

UST

²⁴⁻²⁶ They each were the same size and had the same shape. They each had two wings which were spread out. Each wing was two and one-third meters long, with the result that the distance between the outer ends of the two wings was four and one-half meters across. The height of each cherub was four and one-half meters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ And he gave the cherubs in the midst of the inner house. And they spread out the wings of the cherubs and the wing of the one touched against the wall and the wing of the second cherub was touching against the second wall. And their wings were toward the middle of the house, touching wing to wing.

UST

²⁷ They put these statues next to each other in the very holy place so that the wing of the one touched the one wing of the other in the center of the room, and the outer wings touched the walls.

Where did Solomon place the cherubim he had made?

Solomon placed the cherubim in the innermost room.

1 Kings 6:28**ULT**

²⁸ And he overlaid the cherubs with gold.

UST

²⁸ They covered the statues with very thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:29**ULT**

²⁹ And he carved all the walls of the house round about with engravings of carvings of cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers, from inside and to the outside.

UST

²⁹ Solomon told them to decorate the walls of the main room and the very holy place by carving representations of winged creatures and palm trees and flowers.

What did Solomon carve on the walls of the house?

Solomon carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers on the walls of the house.

1 Kings 6:30**ULT**

³⁰ And he overlaid the floor of the house with gold, for inside and for the outside.

UST

³⁰ They also covered the floor of both rooms with very thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:31**ULT**

³¹ Also he made the opening of the inner room with doors of wood of oil; the pillar, doorposts, were a fifth part.

UST

³¹ They made a set of doors from olive tree wood, and placed them at the entrance to the very holy place. The lintel and doorposts had five indented sections.

Did Solomon make doors for the entrance to the holy place?

Yes, Solomon made doors of olive wood for the entrance to the holy place.

1 Kings 6:32**ULT**

³² And the two of the doors were wood of oil, and he carved on them carvings of cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers, and he overlaid them with gold. And he beat out the gold on the cherubs and on the palm trees.

UST

³² The doors were decorated by carving on them representations of winged creatures, palm trees, and flowers. All of these things were covered with very thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:33**ULT**

³³ And so he made for the opening of the temple doorposts of wood of oil from a fourth part.

UST

³³ They made a rectangular doorframe from olive tree wood, with four indented sections, and put it between the entrance room and the main room.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:34**ULT**

³⁴ And the two of the doors were wood of cypress, the two of the one door leaves were folding and the two of the second door curtains were folding.

UST

³⁴ They made two folding doors from cypress wood and fastened them to the doorframe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:35**ULT**

³⁵ And he carved cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers. And he overlaid with gold made smooth on the engraving.

UST

³⁵ The doors were also decorated with wood carvings of winged creatures, palm trees, and flowers, and they were also covered evenly with very thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he built the inner courtyard with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cut beams of cedar.

UST

³⁶ They built a courtyard in front of the temple. The walls around the courtyard were made of cedar and stone. To make the walls, between each layer of cedar beams they put down two layers of stone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:37**ULT**

³⁷ In the fourth year the house of Yahweh was founded, in the month of Ziv.

UST

³⁷ They laid the foundation of the temple of Yahweh in the month of Ziv, in the fourth year that Solomon ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:38

ULT

³⁸ And in the year 11, in the month of Bul (it is the eighth month), the house was finished according to all his words and according to all his requirements. And he built it seven years.

UST

³⁸ In the eleventh year that he ruled, in the month of Bul, they finished building the temple and all of its parts, doing exactly what Solomon's told them to do. It required seven years to build it.

How long did Solomon take to build the temple?

Solomon took seven years to build the temple.

1 Kings 7

1 Kings 7:1

ULT

¹ And Solomon built his house 13 years. And he finished all of his house.

UST

¹ They also built a palace for Solomon, but it required thirteen years to build it.

How long did Solomon take to build his own palace?

Solomon took thirteen years to build his own palace.

1 Kings 7:2

ULT

² And he built the house of the forest of the Lebanon: 100 cubits was its length and 50 cubits was its width and 30 cubits was its height, with four rows of pillars of cedar and cut beams of cedar on the pillars.

UST

² One of the buildings they built was a large ceremonial hall. It was called the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon. It was forty-six meters long, twenty-three meters wide, and fourteen meters high. It was supported by four rows of cedar pillars. There were cedar beams across each row.

What forest did Solomon use to build his palace?

Solomon built his palace from the forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 7:3

ULT

³ And it was covered with cedar from above over the sides that were on the 45 pillars, 15 was the row.

UST

³ The carpenters build a roof from cedar planks that were attached to beams. The carpenters made pillars to support the cedar beams. There were a total of forty-five pillars put in place, making fifteen pillars in each row to support the roof.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:4**ULT**

⁴ And the window frames were three rows, and opening to opening were three occurrences.

UST

⁴ On each of the two side walls there were three sets of windows facing each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:5**ULT**

⁵ And all the openings and the doorposts were squared framework. And the front of an opening to an opening were three occurrences.

UST

⁵ All the windows and doorways had rectangular frames. The windows along the long wall on one side faced the windows on the other side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:6**ULT**

⁶ And he made the porch of the pillars, 50 cubits was its length and 30 cubits was its width. And a porch was on their face and pillars and a roof were on their face.

UST

⁶ They also built a long room with pillars; it was twenty-three meters long and fourteen meters wide. In front of it was a covered porch whose roof was supported by pillars.

How big was the colonnade at Solomon's palace?

The colonnade at Solomon's palace was fifty cubits long and thirty cubits wide.

1 Kings 7:7**ULT**

⁷ And he made the porch of the throne there where he would judge, the porch of judgment. And it was covered with cedar from the floor up to the floor.

UST

⁷ Then they made a building called the Hall of the Throne. It was also called the Hall of Justice. That was where Solomon decided about people's disputes. The entire floor was covered with cedar wood.

What was Solomon's hall of justice covered with?

Solomon's hall of justice was covered from floor to floor with cedar.

1 Kings 7:8**ULT**

⁸ And his house there where he would dwell, the other courtyard, was from the house of the porch; it was like this work. And he would make a house for the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Solomon had taken, like this porch.

UST

⁸ In the courtyard behind the Hall of Judgment they built a house for Solomon to live in that was made like the other buildings. They also built the same kind of house for his wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt.

What did Solomon build for his wife, Pharaoh's daughter?

Solomon built a house like his own for Pharaoh's daughter, his wife.

1 Kings 7:9**ULT**

⁹ All of these were precious stones according to the measurement of hewn stones, sawn with the saw from inside and from outside and from the foundation up to the eaves and from outside up to the great courtyard.

UST

⁹ All of these buildings and the walls around the palace courtyard were made from stones, from the foundations up to the eaves. The stones had been expensive for the workers to cut at the quarry, according to the sizes that were needed, and the sides of the stones were shaped and smoothed by cutting them with saws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And it was founded with precious stones, large stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

UST

¹⁰ The foundations were also made from huge blocks of expensive stones that had been prepared at the quarry. Some of them were about three and three-quarters meters long and others were about four and four-fifths meters long.

How big were the foundation stones of the buildings?

The foundation stones used for the buildings were eight and ten cubits in length.

1 Kings 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ And from above were precious stones, according to the measurement of hewn stone, and cedar.

UST

¹¹ On top of the foundation stones were other expensive stones that had been cut according to the sizes they needed, as well as cedar beams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:12**ULT**

¹² And a great courtyard was all around, three hewn stone rows and a row of cut beams of cedar, and for the inner courtyard of the house of Yahweh and for the porch of the house.

UST

¹² The palace courtyard, the inner courtyard in front of the temple, and the portico in front of the temple had walls made by putting down three layers of cut stones between each layer of cedar beams.

How many rows of cut stones did the great courtyard surrounding the palace have?

The great courtyard surrounding the palace had three rows of cut stones.

1 Kings 7:13**ULT**

¹³ And the king Solomon sent and took Hiram from Tyre.

UST

¹³⁻¹⁴ There was a man who lived in the city of Tyre whose name was Hiram. He was a craftsman. His father had also lived in Tyre and had also been very skilled at making things from bronze, but Hiram's father was no longer living. His mother was from the tribe of Naphtali. Hiram was very wise and intelligent and was very skilled at making things from bronze. Solomon invited him to come to Jerusalem and supervise all the work of making things from bronze, and Hiram agreed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He was a son of a woman, a widow, from the tribe of Naphtali and his father was a man of Tyre, one who engraves bronze. And he was filled with the wisdom and the understanding and the knowledge in order to do all the work with bronze. And he came to the king Solomon and he did all his work.

UST

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Who came to work with bronze for king Solomon?

Hiram came from Tyre to work for king Solomon with bronze.

1 Kings 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he formed the two of the pillars bronze, 18 cubits was the height of the one pillar and a cord of 12 cubits surrounded the second pillar.

UST

¹⁵ He made two bronze pillars. Each one was eight and one-third meters tall and eight and one-half around.

How many pillars of bronze did Hiram make?

Hiram made two pillars of bronze.

1 Kings 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he made the two of the capitals to give on the heads of the pillars, casting of bronze. Five cubits was the height of the one capital and five cubits was the height of the second capital.

UST

¹⁶ He also made two gleaming bronze tops to be put on top of the pillars. Each top was two and one-third meters tall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Lattices, a work of lattice, twisted threads, a work of chains, were for the capitals which were on the head of the pillars. Seven were for the one capital and seven were for the second capital.

UST

¹⁷ Then he made bronze networks of chains like wreaths to decorate the top of each pillar. There were seven of these networks at the top of each pillar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he made the pillars, and two rows all around on the one lattice to cover the capitals, which were on the head of the pomegranates, and he did so for the second capital.

UST

¹⁸ Hiram also made bronze figures that resembled pomegranates. He put two rows of pomegranates over the top of each pillar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the capitals, which were on the head of the pillars, were the work of a lily on the porch, four cubits.

UST

¹⁹ The top over each pillar was shaped like a lily. Each lily leaf was one and four-fifths meters tall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ And capitals were on the two pillars, also from above. from near the belly, which was to the opposite of the lattice. And the pomegranates were 200, rows all around on the second capital.

UST

²⁰ These tops were placed on a bowl shaped section around which were two rows of two hundred figures of pomegranates around the top of each pillar.

What was included at the very top of the pillars?

There were two hundred pomegranates in rows at the top of the pillars.

1 Kings 7:21**ULT**

²¹ And he raised up the pillars for the porch of the temple. And he raised up the right pillar and he called its name Jakin. And he raised up the left pillar and he called its name Boaz.

UST

²¹ His helpers set up the pillars in front of the entrance of the temple. The pillar on the south side was named Jakin, and the pillar on the north side was named Boaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:22**ULT**

²² And on the head of the pillars was the work of a lily. And the work of the pillars was finished.

UST

²² The bronze tops that were shaped like lilies were placed on top of the pillars. So Hiram and his helpers completed the work of making the bronze pillars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:23**ULT**

²³ And he made the sea that was cast. It was ten by the cubit from its lip up to its lip, circular all around. And five by the cubit was its height and a cord of 30 cubits surrounded it all around.

UST

²³ Hiram also made a very large round bronze basin called "The Sea" that was made of metal and cast in a clay mold. It was two and one-third meters tall, four and three-fifths meters across, and thirteen and three-quarters meters around.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ And gourds were from underneath to its lip, surrounding it all around, ten by the cubit, encircling the sea all around. The gourds were two rows that were cast when it was cast.

UST

²⁴ Around the outer edge of the rim of the "The Sea" were two rows of figures that resembled gourds that were made of bronze. But the gourds were not cast separately. They were cast in the same mold as the rest of the tank. For each meter of length around the rim of the tank there were about eighteen gourds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:25**ULT**

²⁵ It was standing over 12 cattle, three faces toward the north and three faces toward the west and three faces toward the south and three faces toward the east, and the sea was over them from above. And all their hindquarters were toward the inside.

UST

²⁵ Hiram also cast twelve bronze statues of oxen. He placed them to face outward. He placed three of them to face north, three to face west, three to face south, and three to face east. His helpers put the large bronze tank known as "The Sea" so that it sat on the backs of the statues of the oxen.

How many oxen did the sea stand on?

The sea stood on twelve oxen with three looking north, south, east and west.

1 Kings 7:26**ULT**

²⁶ And its thickness was a handbreadth and its lip was like the work of the lip of a cup, the blossom of a lily. It contained 2,000 baths.

UST

²⁶ The sides of the tank were eight centimeters thick. The rim was like the rim of a cup. It curved outward, like the petals of a lily. When the tank was full, it held about forty-four cubic meters of water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:27**ULT**

²⁷ And he made the ten bronze stands. Four by the cubit was the length of the one stand and four by the cubit was its width and three by the cubit was its height.

UST

²⁷ Hiram also made ten bronze carts. Each was one and four-fifths meters long, one and four-fifths meters wide, and one and one-third meters tall.

What was the height of the ten bronze stands that Hiram made?

The height of each of the ten stands was three cubits.

1 Kings 7:28**ULT**

²⁸ And this was the work of the stand: rims were for them, and rims were between the joints.

UST

²⁸ On the sides of the carts there were panels set in frames.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:29**ULT**

²⁹ And on the rims, which were between the joints, were lions, oxen, and cherubs. And on the joints was a pedestal from above and from below to the lions and the cattle were wreaths, work of descent.

UST

²⁹ On those panels were bronze figures of lions, oxen, and winged creatures. Below and above the lions and bulls there were decorations of bronze wreaths.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:30**ULT**

³⁰ And four wheels of bronze were for the one stand and axles of bronze and its four feet were shoulders for them, from the under part of the basin; the shoulders were cast from each side with wreaths.

UST

³⁰ Each cart had four bronze wheels and two axles made of bronze. At the top corners of each cart were bronze supports to hold up a basin. On these supports were also decorations of bronze wreaths.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:31**ULT**

³¹ And its mouth on the inside of the capital and upward was by the cubit, and its mouth was round, the work of a pedestal, a cubit and a half of the cubit. And also on its mouth were carvings and their rims were squared, not circular.

UST

³¹ On top of each cart, under each basin, was a frame that resembled a circular collar. The top of each circular frame was forty-six centimeters above the top of the cart, and the bottom of it was twenty-three centimeters below the top of the cart. There were also engravings within square panels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:32**ULT**

³² And the four of the wheels were for the under part of the rims, and the hands of the wheels were with the stand. And the height of the one wheel was a cubit and a half of the cubit.

UST

³² The wheels were sixty-nine centimeters high. They were below the panels. The wheels were connected to axles that had been cast in the same mold as the rest of the cart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:33**ULT**

³³ And the work of the wheels was like the work of the wheel of the chariot. Their hands and their rims and their spokes and their hubs, the whole thing was cast.

UST

³³ The wheels of the carts were like the wheels of chariots. The axles, the rims, the spokes, and the hubs were all cast from bronze.

What were the wheels underneath the panels made of?

The wheels underneath the panels were made of cast metal.

1 Kings 7:34**ULT**

³⁴ And four shoulders were to the four corners of the one stand, its shoulders were part of the stand.

UST

³⁴ At the top corners of each cart there were handles. These were molded into the cart itself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:35**ULT**

³⁵ And at the top of the stand, a half of the cubit was the height, circular all around. And on the head of the stand was its hands and its rims were part of it.

UST

³⁵ There was a bronze band of twenty-three centimeters around the top of each cart. There were braces attached to the corners of each cart. The bands and the braces were cast in the same mold as the rest of the cart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he engraved on the planks of its hands and on its rims cherubs, lions, and palm trees according to the bare space of each, and wreaths were all around.

UST

³⁶ The braces and the panels on the sides of the carts were also decorated with figures of winged creatures, lions, and palm trees, whenever there was space for them, and there were bronze wreaths all around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:37**ULT**

³⁷ Like this he made the ten stands, one casting, one size, one shape was for all of them.

UST

³⁷ That is how Hiram made the ten carts. They were all cast in the same mold, so they were all alike. They all were the same size and had the same shape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:38**ULT**

³⁸ And he made ten bronze basins. The one basin contained 40 baths. The one basin was four by the cubit, one basin was on the one base for the ten stands.

UST

³⁸ Hiram also made ten bronze basins, one basin for each of the ten stands. Each basin was one and four-fifths meters across and held 880 liters of water.

How much water could each of Hiram's basins hold?

Hiram's basins held forty baths of water per basin.

1 Kings 7:39**ULT**

³⁹ And he gave the stands, five on the shoulder of the house from the right and five on the shoulder of the house from its left. And he gave the sea from the south shoulder of the house eastward, from in front of the south.

UST

³⁹ Hiram placed five of the carts on the right side of the temple and five on the left side of the temple. He put the large tank known as "The Sea" on the corner that was toward the east and in the direction of the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And Hiram made the basins and the shovels and the sprinkling bowls. And Hiram finished doing all the work that he did for the king Solomon for the house of Yahweh:

UST

⁴⁰ Hiram also made pots, shovels for carrying ashes, and bowls for carrying the blood of the animals that would be sacrificed. He completed all the work that King Solomon requested him to do for the temple. This is a list of the bronze things he made:

Did Hiram finish the work in the temple of Yahweh?

Yes, Hiram finished all of the work that he did for King Solomon in the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 7:41**ULT**

⁴¹ two pillars, and the bowls of the capitals that were on the head of the two pillars, and the two latticeworks for covering the two bowls of the capitals that were on the head of the pillars,

UST

⁴¹ the two pillars, the two tops to be put on top of the pillars, the two wreaths of chains to decorate the tops of the pillars,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:42**ULT**

⁴² and the 400 pomegranates for the two latticeworks, two rows of pomegranates for the one latticework to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the faces of the pillars,

UST

⁴² the four hundred figures of pomegranates in four rows, with one hundred in each row; two of these rows were placed over the head of each pillar,

How many pomegranates did Hiram make for the decorative latticework?

Hiram made four hundred pomegranates for the decorative latticework.

1 Kings 7:43**ULT**

⁴³ and the ten stands, and the ten basins on the stands,

UST

⁴³ the ten carts, the ten basins,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ and the one sea and the 12 cattle under the sea,

UST

⁴⁴ the big tank known as "The Sea," the twelve statues of oxen on whose backs the tank was placed,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ and the pots and the shovels and the sprinkling bowls and all these vessels that Hiram made for the king Solomon, for the house of Yahweh, were polished bronze.

UST

⁴⁵ the pots, shovels for the ashes of the altar, and bowls. Hiram and his workers made all these things for King Solomon and put them outside the temple. They were all made of bronze that the workmen polished for it to gleam brightly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ In the circular plain of the Jordan the king cast them in the compactness of the ground between Succoth and between Zarethan.

UST

⁴⁶ They made them by pouring melted bronze into the clay molds that Hiram had set up near the Jordan River valley, between the cities of Succoth and Zarethan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ And Solomon caused all the vessels to rest because of very much abundance, the weight of the bronze had not been ascertained.

UST

⁴⁷ Solomon did not tell his workers to weigh those bronze objects, because there were many items. So no one ever knew what they weighed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of Yahweh: the altar of gold and the table, which would have the bread of the face on it, was gold.

UST

⁴⁸ Solomon's workers also made all the gold items for the temple of Yahweh: the altar, the table where the bread of the presence was kept before God,

What did Solomon use to make all of the furnishings in the temple of Yahweh?

Solomon used gold to make all of the furnishings in the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 7:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ And the five lampstands from the south and five from the north, before the face of the inner room, were pure gold. And the blossom and the lamps and the snuffers were gold.

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⁴⁹ the ten lampstands that were put in front of the very holy place, five on the south side and five on the north side, the decorations that resembled flowers, the lamps, the tongs to grasp the hot coals,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ And the cups and the trimmers and the sprinkling bowls and the palms and the firepans were pure gold. And the sockets of the doors of the inner house, for the holiest holy place, for the doors of the house, for the temple, were gold.

UST

⁵⁰ the cups, the gold lamp wick snuffers, the small lamp bowls, the dishes for incense, the pans for carrying the hot coals, and the sockets for the doors at the entrance to the very holy place and for the doors at the entrance to the main room of the temple. Those things were all made of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:51**ULT**

⁵¹ And all the work that the king Solomon did for the house of Yahweh was complete. And Solomon brought in the holy things of David, his father, the silver and the gold and the vessels he gave into the storerooms of the house of Yahweh.

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⁵¹ So Solomon's workers finished all the work for the temple. Then they placed in the temple storerooms all the things that his father David had dedicated to Yahweh—all the silver and gold, and the other valuable items.

What did Solomon put in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh?

Solomon put into the storerooms all of the silver, gold and furnishings that David his father had dedicated.

1 Kings 8

1 Kings 8:1

ULT

¹ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes, the lifted ones of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to the king Solomon at Jerusalem, to bring up the box of the covenant of Yahweh from the city of David (it is Zion).

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¹ Solomon then summoned to Jerusalem all the elders of Israel, all the leaders of the tribes and the leaders of the clans. He arranged for 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.

Why did Solomon assemble the leaders of Israel before himself?

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

1 Kings 8:2

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² And all the men of Israel assembled to the king Solomon in the month of Ethanim at the feast (it is the seventh month).

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² So all the Israelite leaders came to King Solomon during the Festival of Shelters, in the month of Ethanim.

Who assembled before King Solomon at the feast?

All the men of Israel assembled before King Solomon at the feast.

1 Kings 8:3

ULT

³ And all the elders of Israel came and the priests lifted the box.

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³ When they had all arrived, the priests lifted up the sacred chest

Who took up the ark?

The priests took up the ark.

1 Kings 8:4**ULT**

⁴ And they brought up the box of Yahweh and the tent of meeting and all the vessels of holiness that were in the tent. And the priests and the Levites brought them up.

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⁴ and brought it to the temple. Then the descendants of Levi who assisted the priests helped them to carry to the temple the sacred tent and all the sacred things that had been in the tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:5**ULT**

⁵ And the king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, the ones who congregated to him, were with him before the face of the box, sacrificing sheep and cattle that could not be counted and could not be numbered because of abundance.

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⁵ Then King Solomon and many of the Israelite people gathered in front of Yahweh's sacred chest. And they sacrificed a huge amount of sheep and oxen. No one was able to count the sacrifices because there were very many.

What was sacrificed before the ark?

King Solomon sacrificed sheep and oxen that could not be counted before the ark.

1 Kings 8:6**ULT**

⁶ And the priests brought the box of the covenant of Yahweh into its place, into the inner room of the house, into the holiest holy place, to beneath the wings of the cherubs.

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⁶ Then the priests brought the sacred chest into the very holy place in the temple, and they placed it under the wings of the statues of the winged creatures.

To where did the priests bring the ark of the covenant of Yahweh?

The priests brought the ark of the covenant of Yahweh into the most holy place.

1 Kings 8:7**ULT**

⁷ For the cherubs were spreading out wings toward the place of the box. And the cherubs covered over the box and over its poles from above.

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⁷ The wings of those statues spread out over the sacred chest and over the poles by which it was carried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:8**ULT**

⁸ And the poles were made long and the heads of the poles were seen from the holy place on the face of the inner room, and they were not seen on the outside. And they are there until this day.

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⁸ The poles were very long, with the result that the ends of the poles could be seen by people who were standing at the entrance to the very holy place, but they could not be seen by people standing outside the temple. Those poles are still there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:9**ULT**

⁹ There was nothing in the box except the two tablets of stone, which Moses caused to rest there at Horeb, where Yahweh cut with the sons of Israel when they went out from the land of Egypt.

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⁹ The only things that were in the sacred chest were the two stone tablets that Moses had put there at Mount Sinai, where Yahweh made a covenant with the people after they left Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And it happened when the priests went out from the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of Yahweh.

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¹⁰ The priests put the sacred chest in the temple. When they came out of the holy place, suddenly it was filled with a cloud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the priests were not able to stand to minister because of the face of the cloud, for the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh.

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¹¹ The glory of Yahweh filled the temple, with the result that the priests were not able to continue their work.

What filled the house of Yahweh?

The glory of Yahweh filled his house.

1 Kings 8:12**ULT**

¹² Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said he would dwell in the dark cloud.

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¹² Then Solomon prayed this: "Yahweh, you have placed the sun in the sky, but you have decided that you would live in very dark clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:13**ULT**

¹³ Surely I have built a house of elevation for you, a place for your dwelling forever."

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¹³ I have built for you a splendid temple, a place for you to live in forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the king turned his face around and he blessed all the assembly of Israel, and all the assembly of Israel was standing.

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¹⁴ Then, while all the people stood there, the king turned around and faced them, and he asked God to bless them.

What did the king do for the assembly of Israel?

The king blessed all of the assembly of Israel while they were standing.

1 Kings 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he said, "Blessed is Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke by his mouth with David my father, and fulfilled by his hand, saying,

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¹⁵ He said, "Praise Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong! By his own power he has done what he promised to my father David. What he promised was this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ 'From the day when I brought out my people Israel from Egypt, I did not choose a city from all the tribes of Israel to build a house, so that my name would be there. But I chose David to be over my people Israel.'

UST

¹⁶ From the time that I brought my people out of Egypt, I have never chosen any city in Israel in which a temple should be built for my people to worship me there. But I chose you, David, to rule my people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ 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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¹⁷ Then Solomon said, "My father David wanted to build a temple in order that we Israelite people could worship Yahweh our God there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But Yahweh said to David my father, 'Because it was with your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart.

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¹⁸ But Yahweh said to him, 'You have wanted to build a temple for me, and what you wanted to do was good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ However, you will not build the house, but rather your son, the one who comes out from your loins, he himself will build the house for my name.'

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¹⁹ However, you are not the one who I want to build it. It is one of your sons who I want to build a temple for me.'

What had Yahweh told David?

Yahweh told David that his son would build the house for his name.

1 Kings 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Yahweh has raised up his word that he had spoken. And I have risen up in the place 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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²⁰ And now Yahweh has done what he promised to do. I have become the king of Israel to succeed my father, and I am ruling my people, as Yahweh promised. I have arranged for this temple to be built for us Israelites to worship Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:21**ULT**

²¹ And I have set a place there for the box, where there is the covenant of Yahweh, which he cut with our fathers when he brought them out from the land of Egypt.”

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²¹ I have also provided a place in the temple for the sacred chest in which are the two stone tablets of the covenant that Yahweh made with our ancestors when he brought them out of Egypt.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:22**ULT**

²² And Solomon stood before the face of the altar of Yahweh, in front of all the assembly of Israel. And he spread out his palms to the heavens.

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²² Then Solomon stood in front of the altar which was in front of the Israelite people who had gathered there. He spread out his arms toward heaven,

What did Solomon do before the altar of Yahweh?

Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh and spread out his hands.

1 Kings 8:23**ULT**

²³ And he said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in the heavens from above or on the earth from below, keeping the covenant and the covenant faithfulness to your servants, the ones who walk before your face with all their heart;

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²³ and he prayed, "Yahweh, the God whom we Israelite people worship, there is no god like you up in heaven or down here on the earth. You solemnly promised that you would faithfully love us. And that is what you have done for us who earnestly do what you want us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:24**ULT**

²⁴ which you have kept for your servant David my father, what you spoke to him. And you spoke with your mouth and with your hand you fulfilled, as this day.

UST

²⁴ 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 these things for him, and today we see that by your power you have done them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ And now, Yahweh, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father, what you spoke to him, saying, 'A man will not be cut off for you from before my face, sitting on the throne of Israel, if only your sons will keep their way, to walk before my face, just as you have walked before my face.'

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²⁵ So now, Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, I am requesting that you do the other things that you promised my father that you would do. You told him that there would always be some of his descendants who would be kings in Israel, if they would conduct their lives as he did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:26**ULT**

²⁶ And now, the God of Israel, please let your word be proven faithful, which you spoke to your servant David my father.

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²⁶ So now, God of us Israelite people, cause what you promised to do for my father David, who served you well, to happen.

What did Solomon pray and ask of Yahweh?

Solomon prayed that the promise Yahweh made to David would come true.

1 Kings 8:27**ULT**

²⁷ Indeed, would God really dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens can not contain you, how much less this house that I have built!

UST

²⁷ But God, will you really live on the earth among people? There is not enough space in heaven for you to have enough space to live there. So this temple that I have commanded my workers to build is certainly too small for you to live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:28**ULT**

²⁸ Yet you will turn to the prayer of your servant and to his plea for favor, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that your servant is praying before your face today:

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²⁸ But Yahweh, my God, please listen to me while I am praying to you this day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:29**ULT**

²⁹ that your eyes be opened to this house night and day, to the place where you have said, 'My name will be there,' to listen to the prayer that your servant will pray to this place.

UST

²⁹ I pray that you would protect this temple night and day. This is the place about which you have said, 'I will always be there.' I request that you listen to me whenever I turn my face toward this temple and pray.

What did Solomon pray for Yahweh to do?

Solomon prayed that Yahweh would have his eyes on the temple both day and night.

1 Kings 8:30**ULT**

³⁰ And you will listen to the plea for favor of your servant and your people Israel that they will pray toward this place. And you, you will listen toward the place of your dwelling to the heavens. And you will hear and forgive

UST

³⁰ I request that when I pray to you and your people pray to you while they turn their faces toward this place, that in your home in heaven you will hear us and forgive us for the sins that we have committed.

Where would Yahweh listen from when Israel prayed to him?

Yahweh would listen from the heavens, the place where he lived.

1 Kings 8:31**ULT**

³¹ a man who sins against his neighbor and lifts up against him a curse to curse him and a curse comes before the face of your altar in this house.

UST

³¹ Suppose that people accuse someone of doing something wrong to another person, and they bring him to your altar outside this holy temple. And suppose that he says, 'I did not do that; may God punish me if I am not telling the truth.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:32**ULT**

³² And you, you will hear in the heavens and act and judge your servants, by declaring as wicked a wicked one, to give his way on his head, and by declaring as righteous a righteous one, to give to him according to his righteousness.

UST

³² In that case, listen from heaven and decide who is telling the truth. Then punish the person who is guilty as he deserves to be punished, and declare that the other person is innocent.

What did Solomon ask Yahweh to do for the righteous person?

Solomon asked that the righteous would be declared innocent and rewarded according to his righteousness.

1 Kings 8:33**ULT**

³³ When your people Israel are struck down before the face of an enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn back to you and they confess your name and they pray and they plead for favor toward you in this house,

UST

³³ Or suppose that your Israelite people are defeated by their enemies in a battle because they have sinned against you. Suppose also that they are forced to go to some distant country. Then suppose that they stop acting in a sinful way. Suppose that they face in the direction of this temple and acknowledge you have justly punished them. And suppose that they plead that you will forgive them.

When would Israel be defeated by an enemy?

Israel would be defeated by an enemy when they sinned against Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:34**ULT**

³⁴ then you, you will hear in the heavens and you will forgive for the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the ground that you gave to their fathers.

UST

³⁴ In that case, listen to them from heaven, forgive your Israelite people 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.)

1 Kings 8:35**ULT**

³⁵ 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 and they turn back from their sin when you have afflicted them,

UST

³⁵ Or suppose that you do not allow any rain to fall because your people have sinned against you. Suppose that they face in the direction of this place and admit that you have justly punished them. Suppose also that they stop acting sinfully and humbly pray to you.

Why would the skies be shut and no rain fall?

The skies would be shut and rain not fall because the people sinned against Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:36**ULT**

³⁶ then you, you will hear in the heavens and forgive for the sin of your servants and your people Israel, for you direct the good way in which they will walk. And you will give rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

UST

³⁶ In that case, listen to them in heaven and forgive your Israelite people for the sins that they have committed. Teach them the right way to conduct their lives, and then send rain on this land that you have given to your people to belong to them permanently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:37**ULT**

³⁷ If famine would be in the land, if there would be pestilence, if there would be blight, mildew, locust, grasshopper, if his enemy would make it narrow for him in the land of his gates, any plague, any sickness,

UST

³⁷ Suppose that the people of this land experience famine, or suppose that there is a plague by mildew or by locusts or grasshoppers. Or suppose that their enemies surround any of their cities in order to attack them. Suppose that any of those bad things happen to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:38**ULT**

³⁸ any prayer, any plea for favor that would be for any man, for any of your people Israel, who know, a man the plague of his heart, and he would spread out his palms toward this house,

UST

³⁸ And suppose that your Israelite people earnestly plead with you, because they know in their inner beings that they are suffering because they have sinned. Suppose that they stretch out their arms toward this temple and pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:39**ULT**

³⁹ then you, you will hear in the heavens, the place of your dwelling, and you will forgive and act and give to a man according to all his ways, because you know his heart. For you, you know, you alone, the heart of all the sons of mankind,

UST

³⁹ In that case, listen to them from your home in heaven, and forgive them, and help them. You are the only one who knows what people are thinking, so act toward each person as he needs,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ so that they may fear you all the days that they are alive on the face of the ground that you gave to our fathers.

UST

⁴⁰ in order that your people may then have an awesome respect for you all the years that they live in this land that you gave to our ancestors.

Why did Solomon ask Yahweh to listen from heaven and forgive the sins of the people?

Solomon asked Yahweh to forgive the people so they would fear Him all of the days they lived on the land.

1 Kings 8:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And also, to the foreigner, he who is not from among your people Israel, and he comes from a distant land on account of your name,

UST

⁴¹⁻⁴² There will be some foreigners who do not belong to your Israelite people who will have come here from countries far away because they have heard that you are very great, and because they have heard about the great things that you have done for your people. Suppose that people like that come here to this temple to worship you and pray.

Why would a foreigner come from a distant country?

A foreigner would come from a distant country because of Yahweh's name.

1 Kings 8:42**ULT**

⁴² for they will hear of your great name and your strong hand and your extended arm, and he will come and pray toward this house,

UST

⁴¹⁻⁴² There will be some foreigners who do not belong to your Israelite people who will have come here from countries far away because they have heard that you are very great, and because they have heard about the great things that you have done for your people. Suppose that people like that come here to this temple to worship you and pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:43**ULT**

⁴³ you, you will hear in the heavens, the place of your dwelling, and you will act according to all that the foreigner has cried out to you, so that all the peoples of the earth will know your name to fear you, like your people Israel, and to know that your name has been called over this house that I have built.

UST

⁴³ In that case, in your home in heaven 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 know about you and revere you, as we your Israelite people do. Then they will know that this temple that I have caused to be built to honor you belongs to you and is where you should be worshiped.

Why did Solomon ask Yahweh to do whatever the foreigner asks him to do?

Solomon asked Yahweh to do whatever the foreigner asks him to do so that all people groups would know his name and fear him.

1 Kings 8:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ If your people go out to battle against his enemy, by the way that you send them, and they pray to Yahweh, in the way of the city, it which you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name,

UST

⁴⁴ Suppose that you send your people to go to fight against their enemies. And suppose that your people pray to you, wherever they are, and that they turn toward this city that you have chosen and toward this temple that I have caused to be built for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ then you will hear in the heavens their prayer and their plea for favor and you will do their justice.

UST

⁴⁵ In that case, listen in heaven to their prayers. Listen to what they plead for you to do, and assist them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ If they sin against you (for there is no man who does not sin) and you are angry with them and you give them over before the face of an enemy and they took them captive as their captives to the land of the enemy, distant or near,

UST

⁴⁶ It is true that everyone sins. So, suppose that your people sin against you and that you become angry with them. You might allow their enemies to defeat them, capture them, and take them away to their own countries, even to countries that are far away.

Why would an enemy carry Israel away captive to their land?

An enemy would carry Israel away captive because Yahweh was angry with Israel and handed them over to their enemy.

1 Kings 8:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ and they bring back to their heart in the land there where they have been taken captive, and they turn back and plead for favor to you in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and we have done iniquity, we have acted wickedly.'

UST

⁴⁷ And suppose that, while your people are in those countries to which they had to go, they sincerely repent and plead with you there saying, 'We have sinned and have done things that are very wicked.'

What would the Israelites say in the land of their enemy?

The Israelites would say, "We have acted wickedly and sinned. We have behaved wickedly."

1 Kings 8:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ and they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies where they took them captive and they pray to you toward the way of their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you chose and the house that I have built for your name,

UST

⁴⁸ Suppose that they very truly and sincerely repent while in the land of their enemies who captured them. And they turn toward this land that you gave to our ancestors. Suppose that they turn toward this city that you have chosen to be the place where we should worship you, and toward this temple that I have caused to be built for you. Suppose that they then pray to you.

What would the Israelites do in the land of their enemy?

The Israelites would return to Yahweh with all their heart and all their soul and pray toward Him.

1 Kings 8:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ then you will hear their prayer in the heavens, the place of your dwelling, and their plea for favor, and you will do their justice.

UST

⁴⁹ In that case, from your home in heaven listen to them while they plead for your help, and help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ And you will forgive your people who have sinned against you and all their transgressions that they have transgressed against you. And you will give them compassion before the face of those who took them captive and they will have compassion on them.

UST

⁵⁰ Forgive them for all the sins that they have committed against you and cause their enemies to act kindly toward them.

What did Solomon ask Yahweh to do when his people prayed to Him?

Solomon asked Yahweh to forgive his people and to have compassion on them.

1 Kings 8:51**ULT**

⁵¹ For they are your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out from Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron,

UST

⁵¹ Do not forget that the Israelites are your people. They are your special possession. You brought our ancestors out of Egypt where they were greatly suffering as though they were in a blazing furnace.

From where did Yahweh rescue his people?

Yahweh rescued his people from out of Egypt as out of a furnace.

1 Kings 8:52**ULT**

⁵² for your eyes to be opened to the plea for favor of your servant and to the plea for favor of your people Israel, to listen to them in all their crying out to you.

UST

⁵² I request that you always listen to your Israelite people and to their king, and heed their prayers whenever they call out to you to help them.

What did Solomon ask Yahweh to do when his people cried to him?

Solomon asked Yahweh to open His eyes to their requests and to listen to them.

1 Kings 8:53**ULT**

⁵³ For you yourself separated them for yourself as an inheritance from all the peoples of the earth, just as you spoke by the hand of Moses your servant when you brought out our fathers from Egypt, my Lord Yahweh.”

UST

⁵³ You chose them from all the other people groups in the world to belong to you, which is what you told Moses to tell them when you brought our ancestors out of Egypt.”

Why did Yahweh separate his people from among all the peoples of the earth?

Yahweh separated his people from among all the peoples of the earth to belong to him and to receive his promises.

1 Kings 8:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ And it happened that as soon as Solomon finishing to pray to Yahweh all this prayer and plea for favor, he rose from before the face of the altar of Yahweh, from bowing on his knees with his palms spread out toward the heavens.

UST

⁵⁴ After Solomon had finished praying this and pleading to Yahweh for his help, he stood up in front of the altar where he had been kneeling. He lifted up his arms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ And he stood and he blessed all the assembly of Israel with a great voice, saying,

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⁵⁵ Then he asked God to bless all the Israelite people. He prayed loudly, saying,

What did Solomon do after he finished all his prayer and request to Yahweh?

After he finished his prayer, Solomon stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel in a loud voice.

1 Kings 8:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ "Blessed be Yahweh, who has given rest for his people Israel, according to all that he had spoken. One word did not fall from all his good word that he had spoken by the hand of Moses his servant.

UST

⁵⁶ "Praise Yahweh, who has given us his people peace, like he promised that he would do. He has done every one of the good things that he promised to Moses, the man who served him very well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:57**ULT**

⁵⁷ May Yahweh our God be with us, just as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us and may he not forsake us,

UST

⁵⁷ I pray that our God will be with us like he was with our ancestors, and that he will never, never abandon us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:58**ULT**

⁵⁸ inclining our heart to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

UST

⁵⁸ I pray that he will cause us to loyally serve him, to conduct our lives as he wants us to, and to obey all his commandments and statutes and decrees that he gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:59**ULT**

⁵⁹ And may these words of mine, which I have pleaded for favor before the face of Yahweh, be near to Yahweh our God by day and night, to do the justice of his servant and the justice of his people Israel, the word of day by its day,

UST

⁵⁹ I pray that Yahweh our God will never forget these words that I have prayed, pleading for his help. I pray that he will think about them by day and by night. I pray that he will always act mercifully toward us Israelite people and toward our king, giving us the things that we need day by day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:60**ULT**

⁶⁰ so that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh, he is the God, there is none besides!

UST

⁶⁰ If you do that, all the people groups in the world will know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who is God, and that there is no other one who is God.

What did Solomon want all peoples of the earth to know?

Solomon wanted all the peoples of the earth to know that Yahweh is God and there is no other God.

1 Kings 8:61**ULT**

⁶¹ And may your heart be completely with Yahweh our God, by walking in his statutes and by keeping his commandments, as this day.”

UST

⁶¹ I pray that you, his people, will always be fully committed to Yahweh, and that you will obey all his statutes and commands, like you are doing now.”

What did Solomon tell Yahweh’s people to do?

Solomon told them to keep their heart true to Yahweh and to walk in his statutes and commandments.

1 Kings 8:62**ULT**

⁶² And the king and all Israel with him were sacrificing sacrifices before the face of Yahweh.

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⁶² Then the king and all the Israelite people who were there offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

Who offered sacrifices to Yahweh?

The king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:63**ULT**

⁶³ And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of peace offerings which he sacrificed to Yahweh: 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep. And the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Yahweh.

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⁶³ They sacrificed twenty-two thousand cattle and 120,000 sheep to restore fellowship with Yahweh. Then the king and all the people dedicated the temple.

How many oxen and sheep did Solomon sacrifice?

Solomon sacrificed 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:64**ULT**

⁶⁴ On that day the king set apart the middle of the courtyard that was before the face of the house of Yahweh, for he made there the burnt up offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings because the altar of bronze that was before the face of Yahweh was too small to contain the burnt up offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings.

UST

⁶⁴ On that day, the king also dedicated the middle part of the courtyard that was in front of the temple. Then he offered there sacrifices that would be completely burned on the altar, the offerings of flour and the fat of the animals that were sacrificed to restore fellowship with Yahweh. They sacrificed them there because the bronze altar was not big enough for all those sacrifices to be burned on it that day.

Why did the king consecrate the courtyard that was in front of the temple of Yahweh?

The king consecrated the courtyard because the bronze altar before Yahweh was too small for all of the offerings.

1 Kings 8:65**ULT**

⁶⁵ And Solomon performed the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo Hamath as far as the wadi of Egypt, before the face of Yahweh our God seven days and seven days, 14 days.

UST

⁶⁵ Then Solomon and all the Israelite people celebrated the Festival of Shelters for seven days and then for another seven days, before the Lord, for a total of fourteen days. There was a huge crowd of people there, some of whom had come from distant places like Hamath in the far north and the border of Egypt in the far south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:66**ULT**

⁶⁶ On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king and they went to their tents rejoicing and good of heart on account of all the goodness that Yahweh had done for David, his servant, and for Israel, his people.

UST

⁶⁶ On the final day, Solomon sent the people to their homes. They all praised him and went home happy because of all the things that Yahweh had done to bless David and his Israelite people.

When did the king send the people away back to their homes?

On the eighth day, the king sent the people back to their homes.

1 Kings 9

1 Kings 9:1

ULT

¹ And it happened as soon as Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh and the house of the king, and every desire of Solomon that he delighted to do,

UST

¹ After Solomon's workers had finished building the temple and his palace and everything else that Solomon wanted them to build,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:2

ULT

² that Yahweh appeared to Solomon a second time, just as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.

UST

² Yahweh appeared to him in a dream a second time, like he had appeared to him at the city of Gibeon.

After Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh, what did Yahweh do?

When Solomon finished the house of Yahweh, he appeared to Solomon a second time.

1 Kings 9:3

ULT

³ And Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your plea for favor that you plead for favor before my face. I have set apart this house that you built, by setting my name there until eternity. And my eyes and my heart will be there all the days.

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³ Yahweh said to him, "I heard what you prayed and what you pleaded for me to do. I have set this house apart for myself, for me to be present in it forever.

What did Yahweh say to Solomon?

Yahweh said to Solomon, "I have heard your prayer and request you made before me."

1 Kings 9:4**ULT**

⁴ And as for you, if you will walk before my face just as David your father walked with completeness of heart and with uprightness, by doing according to all that I have commanded you, if you keep my statutes and my judgments,

UST

⁴ And as for you, if you conduct your life as I want you to, like your father David did, and if you very sincerely obey all the statutes and decrees that I have commanded you to obey,

What did Yahweh want Solomon to obey?

Yahweh wanted Solomon to obey all the commandments and decrees that he had commanded him.

1 Kings 9:5**ULT**

⁵ then I will raise up the throne of your kingdom over Israel for eternity, just as I spoke to David your father, saying, 'A man for you will not be cut off from on the throne of Israel.'

UST

⁵ I will do what I promised your father that I would do. I promised him that Israel would always be ruled by his descendants.

What did Yahweh promise to David, Solomon's father?

Yahweh promised to establish the throne of David's kingdom over Israel forever.

1 Kings 9:6**ULT**

⁶ If you ever turn back, you or your sons, from after me and you do not keep my commandments, my statutes that I have given before your face, and you go and serve other gods and you bow down to them,

UST

⁶ But suppose that you or your descendants stop worshiping me; suppose that you disobey the commands and decrees that I have given to you; suppose that you start to worship other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:7**ULT**

⁷ then I will cut off Israel from on the face of the ground that I have given to them, and the house that I have set apart for my name, I will send away from on my face, and Israel will be for a proverb and for a taunt among all the peoples.

UST

⁷ Then I will remove my Israelite people from the land that I have given to them. I will also abandon this temple that I have dedicated. Then people everywhere will despise Israel and make fun of it.

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do if Solomon did not keep his commandments?

Yahweh told Solomon that he would cut off Israel from the ground that he had given them.

1 Kings 9:8**ULT**

⁸ And this house will be elevated, every one who passes by near it will be appalled and will hiss. And they will say, 'On what account did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?'

UST

⁸ Despite the fact that this temple is very beautiful, there will come a time when everyone who passes by will be astonished when they see it, and they will hiss and say, 'Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this temple?'

What would people ask when they passed by the temple of Yahweh?

People would ask, "Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?"

1 Kings 9:9**ULT**

⁹ And they will say, 'Because they forsook Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they held on to other gods and bowed down to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought on them all this evil.'

UST

⁹ Other people will reply, 'It happened because the Israelite people abandoned Yahweh their God, the one who brought their ancestors out of Egypt. They started to accept and worship other gods. And that is why Yahweh has caused them to experience all these disasters.'

Why would Yahweh bring this disaster on them?

Yahweh would bring disaster on them because they rebelled against their God and worshiped other gods.

1 Kings 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And it happened from the end of 20 years that Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the house of the king.

UST

¹⁰ Solomon's workers worked for twenty years to build the temple and the palace.

What happened at the end of twenty years?

At the end of twenty years, Solomon finished building the temple of Yahweh and the king's palace.

1 Kings 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ Hiram, the king of Tyre, had lifted Solomon with trees of cedar and with trees of cypress and with gold, according to all his delight. Then the king Solomon gave to Hiram 20 cities in the land of the Galilee.

UST

¹¹ Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had arranged for his workers to give Solomon all the cedar and pine logs and all the gold that he needed for this work. After it was all finished, King Solomon gave to Hiram twenty cities in the region of Galilee.

With what did Hiram king of Tyre furnish Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre furnished Solomon with cedar trees, pine trees, and gold.

1 Kings 9:12**ULT**

¹² And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, but they were not right in his eyes.

UST

¹² But when Hiram went from Tyre to Galilee to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, he was not pleased with them.

What did Hiram come from Tyre to see?

Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given him.

1 Kings 9:13**ULT**

¹³ And he said, "What are these cities that you have given to me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul until this day.

UST

¹³ He said to Solomon, "My friend, those cities that you gave me are worthless." Because of that, Hiram called that region Worthless.

What did Hiram call the cities which Solomon had given him?

Hiram called the cities the land of Cabul which means worthless.

1 Kings 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Hiram sent to the king 120 kikkars of gold.

UST

¹⁴ Hiram gave Solomon only 4,000 kilograms of gold for those cities.

How much gold did Hiram send to king Solomon?

Hiram had sent 120 talents of gold to the king.

1 Kings 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now this is the matter of the forced labor that the king Solomon brought up to build the house of Yahweh and his house and the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer.

UST

¹⁵ This is a record of the work that King Solomon forced men to do. He forced them to build the temple and his palace and the landfill on the east side of the city, and the wall around Jerusalem, and to rebuild the cities of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

What did Solomon have built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer?

Solomon had defenses built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

1 Kings 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had gone up and seized Gezer and he burned it with fire and he slew the Canaanite, the one who dwelled in the city. And he gave it as sending gifts to his daughter, the wife of Solomon.

UST

¹⁶ The reason they needed to rebuild Gezer was that the army of the king of Egypt had attacked Gezer and captured it. Then they had burned the houses in the city and killed all the people of the Canaan people group who lived there. The king of Egypt gave that city to his daughter for a gift when she married Solomon.

What did Pharaoh king of Egypt do at Gezer?

Pharaoh king of Egypt took Gezer and burned it, and also killed the Canaanites in the city.

1 Kings 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Solomon built Gezer and lower Beth Horon

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¹⁷ So Solomon's workers also rebuilt the city of Gezer, and they also rebuilt the city of Lower Beth Horon.

What did Solomon do at Gezer and Beth Horon?

Solomon rebuilt Gezer and Beth Horon.

1 Kings 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and Baalath and Tadmor in the wilderness in the land ^[1]

UST

¹⁸ They also rebuilt the cities of Baalath and Tamar in the wilderness in the southern part of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ and all the cities of the storehouses that were for Solomon and the cities of the chariotry and the cities of the horsemen and the desire of Solomon, whatever he desired to build in Jerusalem and in the Lebanon and in all the land of his dominion.

UST

¹⁹ They also built the cities where they kept the supplies for Solomon, the places where his horses and chariots were kept. They also built everything else that he wanted them to build, in Jerusalem and in Lebanon, and in other places in the area over which he ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ All the people, the ones who were left over from the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, they who were not of the sons of Israel,

UST

²⁰ There were many people groups who belonged to the Amor, the Heth, the Periz, the Hiv, and the Jebus, who were not killed when the Israelites captured their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:21**ULT**

²¹ their sons who were left over after them in the land, them whom the sons of Israel were not able to utterly destroy, Solomon brought them up for the forced labor of serving until this day.

UST

²¹ Their descendants still lived in Israel. It was those people whom Solomon forced to become his slaves to build all those places, and they are still slaves.

What did Solomon do with the people in the land who were not of Israel?

The people in the land who were not of Israel Solomon made into forced laborers.

1 Kings 9:22**ULT**

²² But from the sons of Israel Solomon did not give a servant, for they were the men of warfare and his servants and his commanders and his third men and the commanders of his chariotry and his horsemen.

UST

²² But Solomon did not force any Israelite people to become slaves. Some of them became soldiers, servants, officials, army officers, commanders of his chariot forces, and men who rode on his horses.

What did Solomon do with the people of Israel?

Solomon made the people of Israel become soldiers, servants, officials, officers and commanders.

1 Kings 9:23**ULT**

²³ These were the commanders of the stationed ones who were over the work for Solomon, 550, the ones having dominion over the people, the ones doing the work.

UST

²³ There were 550 officials who supervised the slaves who worked to build all those places.

How many chief officers did Solomon have?

Solomon had 550 chief officers who were over the supervisors.

1 Kings 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ As soon as the daughter of Pharaoh went up from the city of David to her house that he had built for her, then he built the Millo.

UST

²⁴ After Solomon's wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt, moved from the part of Jerusalem called the city of David to the palace that Solomon's workers built for her, Solomon told his workers to fill in the land on the east side of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Solomon offered up three times in the year burnt up offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he built for Yahweh, and he burned incense with it, which was before the face of Yahweh. And he completed the house.

UST

²⁵ Three times each year Solomon brought to the temple offerings that the priests burned completely on the altar and offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh. He also brought incense to be burned in the presence of Yahweh. And that is how his men finished building the temple.

What did Solomon offer three times a year?

Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar of Yahweh three times a year.

1 Kings 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the king Solomon made a fleet in Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the lip of the sea of reeds in the land of Edom.

UST

²⁶ King Solomon's workers also built a fleet of ships at the city of Ezion Geber, which is near the city of Elath, on the shore of the Sea of Reeds, in the land belonging to the Edom people group.

What did Solomon do at Ezion Geber?

Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber.

1 Kings 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Hiram sent in the fleet his servants, men of ships who knew the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

UST

²⁷ King Hiram sent some expert sailors to go on the ships with Solomon's workers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:28

ULT

²⁸ And they came to Ophir and took from there gold, 420 kikkars. And they brought it to the king Solomon.
9:18 ^[1]

UST

²⁸ They sailed to the region of Ophir and brought back to Solomon about fourteen metric tons of gold.

Why did Solomon send servants to Ophir?

Solomon sent servants to Ophir to bring back gold.

1 Kings 10

1 Kings 10:1

ULT

¹ Now the queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon with respect to the name of Yahweh. And she came to test him with difficult questions.

UST

¹ The queen who ruled the land of Sheba heard that Yahweh had caused Solomon to become famous, so she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him questions that were difficult to answer.

Why did the queen of Sheba come to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba came to Solomon to test him with hard questions.

1 Kings 10:2

ULT

² And she came to Jerusalem with very heavy strength, camels lifting spices and very much gold and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke to him all that was with her heart.

UST

² She came with a large group of wealthy people, and she brought camels that were loaded with spices, precious gems, and much gold. When she met Solomon, she asked him questions about all the things in which she was interested.

What did the queen of Sheba bring to Jerusalem?

The queen of Sheba brought spices, gold, and precious gemstones to Jerusalem with her.

1 Kings 10:3

ULT

³ And Solomon told her all her matters. There was not a matter hidden from the king that he did not tell her.

UST

³ Solomon answered all her questions. He explained everything that she asked about, even things that were very difficult.

How many of the queen's questions did Solomon answer?

Solomon answered all of the questions of the queen of Sheba.

1 Kings 10:4**ULT**

⁴ And the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built

UST

⁴ The queen realized that Solomon was very wise. She saw his palace,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 10:5**ULT**

⁵ and the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service of his attendants and their apparel and his cupbearers and his burnt up offerings that he offered up at the house of Yahweh. And there was no more breath in her.

UST

⁵ 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.

How did the queen of Sheba react when she saw all of Solomon's wisdom?

When the queen of Sheba saw all of Solomon's wisdom there was no more spirit in her.

1 Kings 10:6**ULT**

⁶ And she said to the king, "True is the word that I heard in my land concerning your words and concerning your wisdom.

UST

⁶ 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.)

1 Kings 10:7**ULT**

⁷ And I did not believe the words until when I came and my eyes saw, and behold, the half was not told to me! You added wisdom and goodness to the report that I had heard.

UST

⁷ But I did not believe it was true until I came here and saw it myself. But really, what they told me is only half of what they could have told me about you. You are extremely wise and rich, more than what people told me.

What did the queen of Sheba say to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba said to Solomon, "You have exceeded the fame that I heard about you."

1 Kings 10:8**ULT**

⁸ Happy are your men! Happy are these servants of yours, the ones who stand continually before your face, the ones who hear your wisdom! ^[1]

UST

⁸ How fortunate are your wives! And how fortunate are your servants, who are waiting to serve you, who are listening to the wise things that you say!

Why did the queen of Sheba say that Solomon's servants were blessed?

The queen of Sheba said that Solomon's servants were blessed because they heard his wisdom.

1 Kings 10:9**ULT**

⁹ May Yahweh your God be blessed, who has delighted in you, to give you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loves Israel for eternity, he set you as king to do justice and righteousness!"

UST

⁹ Praise Yahweh, your God, who has shown that he is pleased with you by causing you to become the king of Israel! God has always loved the Israelite people, and therefore he has appointed you to be their king, in order that you will rule them fairly and righteously."

How did Yahweh show his love to Israel?

Yahweh showed his love for Israel by making Solomon king.

1 Kings 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And she gave to the king 120 kikkars of gold and very many spices and precious stone. There has not come again like that spice with respect to abundance that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

UST

¹⁰ Then the queen gave to the king the things that she had brought. She gave him over 4,000 kilograms of gold and a large amount of spices and gems. Never again did King Solomon receive more spices than the queen gave him at that time.

What did the queen of Sheba give to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba gave to Solomon 120 talents of gold, spices, and precious stones.

1 Kings 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ And also the fleet of Hiram, which lifted gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir very many trees of almug and precious stone.

UST

¹¹ In the ships that belong to King Hiram, in which they had previously brought gold from Ophir, they also brought a large amount of almug wood and precious gem stones.

What did the fleet of Hiram bring from Ophir?

The fleet of Hiram brought gold from Ophir.

1 Kings 10:12**ULT**

¹² And the king made the trees of almug a support for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king, and lyres and harps for the ones who sing. Such trees of almug had not come in and had not been seen until this day.

UST

¹² King Solomon told his workers to use that wood to make pillars in the temple and in his palace, and also to make harps and lyres for the musicians. That wood was the largest amount of fine wood that had ever been brought to or seen in Israel.

What did the king make for the temple of Yahweh?

The king made almug wood pillars for the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 10:13**ULT**

¹³ And the king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she requested apart from what he gave to her according to the hand of the king Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

UST

¹³ King Solomon gave to the queen from Sheba everything that she wanted. He gave her those gifts in addition to the gifts that he always gave to other rulers who visited him. Then she and the people who came with her returned to her own land.

What did King Solomon give to the queen of Sheba?

King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba everything she asked for.

1 Kings 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars of gold,

UST

¹⁴ Each year there was brought to Solomon a total of twenty-two metric tons of gold.

What was the weight of the gold that came to King Solomon in one year?

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

1 Kings 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ apart from the men of the ones who explore and from the merchandise of the ones who go about, and all the kings of the Arab and the governors of the land.

UST

¹⁵ That was in addition to the taxes paid to him by the merchants and traders, and the annual taxes paid by the kings of Arabia and by the governors of the districts in Israel.

Who brought gold and silver to Solomon?

The kings of Arabia and governors in the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

1 Kings 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the king Solomon made 200 large beaten gold shields, 600 gold went up on one large shield,

UST

¹⁶ 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 six and one-half kilograms of gold on each shield.

How many large shields of beaten gold did King Solomon make?

King Solomon made two hundred shields of beaten gold.

1 Kings 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ and 300 beaten gold shields, three gold minas went up on one shield. And the king gave them to the house of the forest of the Lebanon.

UST

¹⁷ 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 Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.

Where did King Solomon put three hundred shields of beaten gold?

King Solomon put three hundred shields of beaten gold into the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the king made a great ivory throne and he overlaid it with refined gold.

UST

¹⁸ 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 did the king make out of ivory and finest gold?

The king made a great throne of ivory and the finest gold.

1 Kings 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ There were six steps to the throne and a round head for the throne from behind it. And hands were from this side and from that side toward the place of the seat. And two lions were standing beside the hands.

UST

¹⁹⁻²⁰ There were six steps in front of the throne. There was a statue of a lion on both sides of each step. So altogether there were twelve statues of lions. The back of the throne was rounded at the top. At each side of the throne there was an armrest and alongside each armrest there was a small statue of a lion. No throne like that had ever existed in any other kingdom.

What was standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made?

Two lions were standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made.

1 Kings 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ And 12 lions were standing there on the six steps, from this side and from that side. It was not made so for any kingdoms.

UST

¹⁹⁻²⁰ There were six steps in front of the throne. There was a statue of a lion on both sides of each step. So altogether there were twelve statues of lions. The back of the throne was rounded at the top. At each side of the throne there was an armrest and alongside each armrest there was a small statue of a lion. No throne like that had ever existed in any other kingdom.

What stood on the side of the six steps at the throne?

Twelve lions were standing on the sides of the six steps at the throne.

1 Kings 10:21**ULT**

²¹ And all the vessels of the drink of the king Solomon were gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of the Lebanon were beaten gold. There was no silver, it was not thought to be anything in the days of Solomon.

UST

²¹ All of Solomon's cups were made of gold, and all the various dishes in the Palace 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.

Of what were the drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon made?

The drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon were made of pure gold.

1 Kings 10:22**ULT**

²² For the fleet of Tarshish was for the king on the sea with the fleet of Hiram. One of three years the fleet of Tarshish would come lifting gold and silver, ivory pieces and apes and peacocks.

UST

²² The king had a fleet of ships that sailed with the ships that King Hiram owned. Every three years the ships returned from the places to which they had sailed bringing gold, silver, ivory, monkeys, and baboons.

What did the king's ships bring every three years?

Every three years, the king's ships brought gold, silver, ivory, apes, and baboons.

1 Kings 10:23**ULT**

²³ And the king Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth with respect to riches and with respect to wisdom.

UST

²³ King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ And all the earth was seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had given in his heart.

UST

²⁴ People 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.

Why did all the earth seek out Solomon?

All the earth sought out Solomon to hear the wisdom God put in his heart.

1 Kings 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ And they were bringing, a man his gift, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments and weapons and spices, horses and mules, a matter of year by year.

UST

²⁵ All the people who came to him brought presents. They brought things made from silver or gold, or robes, or weapons, or spices, or horses, or mules. The people continued to do this every year.

What tribute did Solomon's visitors bring to him?

Those who visited brought tribute such as gold, silver, clothing, armor, and spices.

1 Kings 10:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Solomon gathered chariotry and horsemen. And there were for him 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen. And he lead them into the cities of the chariotry and with the king in Jerusalem.

UST

²⁶ Solomon acquired 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand men who rode on the horses. Solomon put some of them in Jerusalem and some of them in other cities where he kept his chariots.

Where did Solomon station his chariots and horsemen?

Solomon stationed his chariots and horsemen in the chariot cities and in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 10:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the king gave the silver in Jerusalem like the stones, and the cedars he gave like the sycamores that are in the lowlands with respect to abundance.

UST

²⁷ During the years that Solomon was king, silver became as common in Jerusalem as stones, and lumber from cedar trees in the foothills of Judah were as plentiful as lumber from fig trees.

What did the king do with cedar wood?

The king made cedar wood become as abundant as the sycamore fig trees in the lowlands.

1 Kings 10:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the going out of the horses that were for Solomon was from Egypt and from Kue; the ones who go about for the king would take from Kue for a price.

UST

²⁸ Solomon's agents bought horses and supervised the bringing of them into Israel from the areas of Egypt and Kue that were famous for breeding horses.

From where were Solomon's horses brought?

Solomon's horses were brought from Egypt and Cilicia.

1 Kings 10:29**ULT**

²⁹ And a chariot went up and went out from Egypt for 600 silver, and a horse for 150, and thus by their hand they brought out to all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Aram.

10:8 ^[1]. Many think that was misread as , because the Hebrew words are very similar.

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²⁹ In Egypt they bought chariots and horses. They paid six and one-half kilograms of silver for each chariot and one and three-fifths kilograms of silver for each horse. They brought them to Israel. Then they sold many of them to the kings of the Hittite people group and the kings of Aram.

What was the purchase price of each chariot Solomon owned?

The chariots were purchased for six hundred shekels of silver each.

1 Kings 11

1 Kings 11:1

ULT

¹ Now the king Solomon loved many foreign women, with the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabite women, Ammonite women, Edomite women, Sidonian women, Hittite women,

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¹ King Solomon married many foreign women. First he married the daughter of the king of Egypt. He also married women from the Heth people group and from the Moab, Ammon, and Edom people groups, and from the city of Sidon.

Whom did King Solomon love?

King Solomon loved many foreign women.

1 Kings 11:2

ULT

² from the nations that Yahweh had said to the sons of Israel, "You must not enter into them, and they must not enter into you. They will surely turn your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to them for love.

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² He married them even though Yahweh had commanded the Israelite people saying, "Do not marry people from those areas, because if you do that, they will surely persuade you to worship the gods that they worship!"

What did Yahweh command about marrying women from foreign nations?

Yahweh commanded Israel not to marry women from foreign nations.

1 Kings 11:3

ULT

³ And there were wives for him, 700 princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned his heart.

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³ Solomon married seven hundred women who were kings' daughters. He also had three hundred wives who were his slaves. And his wives caused him to stop worshiping God.

What did Solomon's wives do to his heart?

Solomon's wives turned his heart away.

1 Kings 11:4**ULT**

⁴ And it happened that by the time of the old age of Solomon his wives turned his heart after other gods. And his heart was not completely with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.

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⁴ By the time that Solomon became old, they had persuaded him to worship the gods from their countries. He was not completely dedicated to Yahweh his God like his father David had been.

How was David's heart toward Yahweh?

David's heart was fully surrendered to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 11:5**ULT**

⁵ And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the god of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites.

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⁵ Solomon worshiped Asherah, the goddess that the people of Sidon worshiped, and he worshiped Molech, the disgusting god that the Ammon people group worshiped.

What did Solomon follow?

Solomon followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and Milcom of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:6**ULT**

⁶ And Solomon did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh and he did not remain fully after Yahweh like David his father.

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⁶ Thus Solomon did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not conduct his life as his father David had done; he did not conduct his life as Yahweh wanted him to.

What did Solomon do in the sight of Yahweh?

Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Kings 11:7**ULT**

⁷ Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is on the face of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

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⁷ On the hill to the east of Jerusalem he built a place to worship Chemosh, the disgusting god that the Moab people group worshiped, and a place to worship Molech, the disgusting god that the Ammon people group worshiped.

What did Solomon build for Chemosh?

Solomon built a shrine for Chemosh, the idol of Moab.

1 Kings 11:8**ULT**

⁸ And thus he did for all his foreign wives, who were burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

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⁸ He also built places where all his foreign wives could burn incense and offer sacrifices to the gods from their own countries.

What did Solomon do at the shrines of his foreign wives?

Solomon burned incense and sacrificed to their gods at the shrines.

1 Kings 11:9**ULT**

⁹ And Yahweh became angry with Solomon, for his heart had turned from with Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one who had appeared to him two times.

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⁹⁻¹⁰ Even though Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, had appeared to Solomon two times, and had commanded him to not worship foreign gods, Solomon refused to obey Yahweh. So Yahweh was angry with Solomon.

How many times did Yahweh appear to Solomon?

Yahweh appeared twice to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And had commanded to him concerning this thing, to not go after other gods. But he did not keep what Yahweh had commanded.

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⁹⁻¹⁰ Even though Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, had appeared to Solomon two times, and had commanded him to not worship foreign gods, Solomon refused to obey Yahweh. So Yahweh was angry with Solomon.

What did Yahweh command Solomon?

Yahweh commanded Solomon to not go after foreign gods.

1 Kings 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Yahweh said to Solomon, "Because this is against you, that you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded concerning you. Surely I will tear away the kingdom from with you and I will give it to your servant.

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¹¹ Yahweh said to him, "You have chosen to disobey the covenant that I made with you and to disobey what I commanded you. So I am certainly not going to allow you to rule all of your kingdom. I am going to allow one of your officials to rule.

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do because of the foreign gods?

Yahweh told Solomon he would tear the kingdom from him and give it to his servant.

1 Kings 11:12**ULT**

¹² However, in your days I will not do it for the sake of David, your father. From the hand of your son I will surely tear it away.

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¹² But because of what I promised your father David, I will allow you to rule all your kingdom while you are still living. After you die, I will not allow your son to rule the whole kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:13**ULT**

¹³ Only I will not tear away all the kingdom. I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of David my servant, and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen.”

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¹³ But I will not stop him from ruling some of the kingdom. I will allow him to rule one tribe, because of what I promised to David, who served me well, and because I want David's descendants to rule in Jerusalem, where my temple is located.”

How many tribes did Yahweh promise to give to Solomon's son?

Yahweh promised to give one tribe to Solomon's son.

1 Kings 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Yahweh raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was from the seed of the king in Edom.

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¹⁴ Yahweh caused Hadad, from the family of the kings in the Edom people group, to rebel against Solomon.

Whom did Yahweh raise up as an adversary to Solomon?

Yahweh raised up Hadad the Edomite as an adversary to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And it had happened when David was with Edom, when Joab the commander of the army went up to bury the pierced ones, that he had struck down every male in Edom.

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¹⁵⁻¹⁶ What happened was that previously, when David's army had conquered Edom, his army commander Joab had gone there to help bury the Israelite soldiers who had been killed in the battle. Joab and his army remained in Edom for six months, and during that time they killed all the males of that area.

Who went up to bury the dead who had been killed in Edom?

Joab the captain of the army went up to bury the dead who were killed in Edom.

1 Kings 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For Joab and all Israel dwelled there six months until he had cut off every male in Edom.

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¹⁵⁻¹⁶ What happened was that previously, when David's army had conquered Edom, his army commander Joab had gone there to help bury the Israelite soldiers who had been killed in the battle. Joab and his army remained in Edom for six months, and during that time they killed all the males of that area.

How long did Joab and Israel remain in Edom?

Joab and Israel remained in Edom six months.

1 Kings 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But Adad fled, he and Edomite men from the servants of his father with him, to enter Egypt. And Hadad was a little boy.

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¹⁷ Hadad was a young child at that time, and he had escaped to Egypt, along with some of his father's servants from Edom.

To where was Hadad taken?

Hadad was taken to Egypt.

1 Kings 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And they rose up from Midian and entered Paran. And they took men with them from Paran and entered Egypt, to Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And he gave to him a house and he ordered bread for him and he gave land to him.

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¹⁸ They went to the region of Midian, and then they went to the desert area at Paran. Some other men joined them there. Then they all traveled to Egypt and went to the king of Egypt. The king gave Hadad some land and ordered his servants to give him some food regularly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh. And he gave to him a wife, the sister of his wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

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¹⁹ The king liked Hadad. As a result he gave him the sister of his own wife, Queen Tahpenes, to be Hadad's wife.

Whom did Pharaoh give as a wife to Hadad?

Pharaoh gave to Hadad the sister of Queen Tahpenes as his wife.

1 Kings 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the sister of Tahpenes bore for him Genubath, his son, and Tahpenes weaned him in the midst of the house of Pharaoh. And Genubath was in the house of Pharaoh in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh.

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²⁰ Later Hadad's wife gave birth to a son named Genubath. The sister of Tahpenes raised him in the palace, where he lived with the king's sons.

What was the name of Hadad's son?

Hadad's son was named Genubath.

1 Kings 11:21**ULT**

²¹ And Hadad heard in Egypt that David had laid down with his fathers and that Joab, the commander of the army, had died. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, and I will go to my land."

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²¹ While Hadad was in Egypt, he heard that David had died, and that Joab, the commander of David's army, was also dead. So he said to the king of Egypt, "Please allow me to return to my own country."

What did Hadad ask of Pharaoh?

Hadad asked Pharaoh if he might depart and go to his own country.

1 Kings 11:22**ULT**

²² And Pharaoh said to him, "But what are you lacking with me that, behold, you are seeking to go to your land?" And he said, "Nothing, but surely you must send me away."

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²² But the king said to him, "Why do you want to go back to your country? Is there something that you lack that you want me to give to you?" Hadad replied, "No, but please just allow me to go." So the king allowed him to leave, and he returned to his own country and became the king of Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:23**ULT**

²³ And God raised up an adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from with Hadadezer, the king of Zobah, his master.

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²³ God also caused another man named Rezon son of Eliada, to rebel against Solomon. Rezon had run away from his master, King Hadadezer of the area of Zobah, north of Damascus.

What was the name of another adversary that God raised up against Solomon?

God raised up another adversary to Solomon named Rezon son of Eliada.

1 Kings 11:24**ULT**

²⁴ And he gathered men for himself and he became a commander of a raiding band when David slew them. And they went to Damascus and they dwelled in it and they reigned in Damascus.

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²⁴ Rezon then became the leader of a group of outlaws. That happened after David's army had defeated Hadadezer and had also killed all his soldiers. Rezon and his men went to Damascus and started to live there, and the people there appointed him to be their king.

To where did Rezon's men travel?

Rezon's men went to Damascus and lived there.

1 Kings 11:25**ULT**

²⁵ And he was an adversary against Israel all the days of Solomon, and the evil that Hadad did. And he felt disgust against Israel and he reigned over Aram.

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²⁵ All during the time that Solomon was alive, while Rezon was ruling not only Damascus but all of Aram, he was an enemy of Israel and caused trouble for Israel like Hadad did.

How long was Rezon an enemy of Israel?

Rezon was an enemy of Israel all of the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 11:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite from the Zeredah, and the name of his mother was Zeruah, a widow woman, was a servant of Solomon. And he raised a hand against the king.

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²⁶ Another man who rebelled against Solomon was one of his officials named Jeroboam son of Nebat. He was from the city of Zeredah in the region where the tribe of Ephraim lives. His mother was a widow named Zeruah.

Who lifted up his hand against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat lifted up his hand against the king.

1 Kings 11:27**ULT**

²⁷ Now this is the matter that he raised a hand against the king: Solomon had built the Millo, he had closed up the breach of the city of David his father.

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²⁷ This is what happened. Solomon's workers were filling in the land on the east side of Jerusalem and repairing the walls around the city.

Why did Jeroboam lift up his hand against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat lifted up his hand against the king because he built the Millo and repaired the wall of the city of David.

1 Kings 11:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the man Jeroboam was mighty of strength. And Solomon saw the young man, that he was one who does work, and he appointed him for all the forced labor of the house of Joseph.

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²⁸ Jeroboam was a very capable young man. So, when Solomon saw that he worked very hard, he appointed him to supervise all the men who were forced to work in the areas where the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim live.

What did Solomon give Jeroboam command over?

Solomon gave Jeroboam command over all the labor of the house of Joseph.

1 Kings 11:29**ULT**

²⁹ And it happened at that time that Jeroboam went out from Jerusalem, and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the road. Now he was covering himself with a new cloak and the two of them were by themselves in the field.

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²⁹ One day when Jeroboam was walking alone along the road outside of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah from the city of Shiloh met him. Ahijah was wearing a new robe,

Who found Jeroboam on the road as he went out of Jerusalem?

The prophet Ahijah found Jeroboam on the road as he went out of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:30**ULT**

³⁰ And Ahijah seized the new cloak that was over him and he tore it into 12 pieces.

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³⁰ which he took off and tore into twelve pieces.

What did Ahijah do to Jeroboam's new garment?

Ahijah grabbed Jeroboam's new garment and tore it into twelve pieces.

1 Kings 11:31**ULT**

³¹ And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces. For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am about to tear away the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and I will give the ten tribes to you.

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³¹ He said to Jeroboam, "Take ten of these pieces for yourself, because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you, 'I am going to tear the kingdom from Solomon, and I am going to enable you to become the ruler of ten of the tribes of Israel.

What did Yahweh say about Solomon's kingdom?

Yahweh said that He would tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand.

1 Kings 11:32**ULT**

³² And one tribe will be for him, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem (the city, it which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel),

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³² Solomon's descendants will still rule one tribe, because of what I promised David, a man who served me very well, and because of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen from all the cities in Israel to be the city where my people will worship me.

How many tribes would Solomon keep?

Solomon would keep one tribe for the sake of David.

1 Kings 11:33**ULT**

³³ because they have forsaken me and they have bowed down to Ashtoreth, the god of the Sidonians, to Chemosh, the god of Moab, and to Milcom, the god of the sons of Ammon. And they do not walk in my ways, to do the upright thing in my eyes, or my statutes or my judgments, like David his father.

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³³ I am going to do this because Solomon has rejected me and has been worshiping Asherah, the goddess that the people of Sidon worship, Chemosh, the god that the Moab people group worships, and Molech, the god that the Ammon people group worships. He has not conducted his life as I wanted him to. He has not obeyed my statutes and decrees, as his father David did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:34**ULT**

³⁴ But I will not take all of the kingdom from his hand. Rather, I will put him as a leader all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant, he whom I have chosen, who kept my commandments and my statutes.

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³⁴ But I will not take the entire kingdom away from him. I will enable him to rule Judah all during the years that he is alive. I will do that because of what I promised to do for David, whom I chose to be the king, and who served me well, and who always obeyed my commandments and laws.

How long did Yahweh make Solomon to be ruler?

Yahweh made Solomon ruler all the days of his life.

1 Kings 11:35**ULT**

³⁵ But I will take the kingship from the hand of his son and I will give it to you, ten of the tribes.

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³⁵ But I will take the other ten tribes of his kingdom and give them to you to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:36**ULT**

³⁶ But to his son I will give one tribe so that there may be a lamp for David my servant all the days before my face in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself, to set my name there.

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³⁶ I will allow Solomon's son to rule one tribe, in order that descendants of David will always rule in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen to be the place where my people worship me.

In which city did Yahweh choose to put his name?

Yahweh chose to put his name in the city of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:37**ULT**

³⁷ And I will take you, and you shall reign over all that your soul desires. And you shall be king over Israel.

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³⁷ I will enable you to become the king of Israel, and you will rule over all the territory that you want to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:38**ULT**

³⁸ And it shall be that if you hear all that I command you and you walk in my ways and you do the upright thing in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, then I will be with you and I will build for you an established house, just as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

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³⁸ If you obey all that I command you to do, and conduct your life as I want you to, and if you do what I say is right by obeying my laws and commandments like David did, I will help you. I will make sure that your descendants will rule after you die, like I promised to do for David.

What did Yahweh promise to do for Jeroboam if he walked in his ways?

Yahweh promised to give Jeroboam a sure house and also give Israel to him if he walked in his ways.

1 Kings 11:39**ULT**

³⁹ And I will afflict the seed of David on account of this, only not all the days.”

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³⁹ Because of Solomon’s sins, I will punish David’s descendants, but I will not continue to punish them forever.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And Solomon sought to put Jeroboam to death. And Jeroboam rose up and he fled to Egypt, to Shishak, the king of Egypt. And he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

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⁴⁰ Solomon found out what Ahijah told Jeroboam, so he tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam escaped and went to Egypt. He went to Shishak, the king of Egypt, and stayed with him until after Solomon died.

What did Solomon try to do to Jeroboam?

Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And the remainder of the words of Solomon and all that he did and his wisdom are they not written on the book of the words of Solomon?

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⁴¹ A record of all the other things that Solomon did, and all the wise things that he said, was written in the book of the events of Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:42**ULT**

⁴² And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel were 40 years.

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⁴² He was king in Jerusalem and ruled over all of Israel for forty years.

How long did Solomon reign in Jerusalem?

Solomon reigned in Jerusalem for forty years.

1 Kings 11:43

ULT

⁴³ And Solomon lay down with his fathers and he was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

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⁴³ Then Solomon died and was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Rehoboam became the king.

Who became king in Solomon's place?

Rehoboam became king in Solomon's place.

1 Kings 12

1 Kings 12:1

ULT

¹ And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to cause him to reign.

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

Why did Rehoboam go to Shechem?

Rehoboam went to Shechem because all Israel was coming there to make him king.

1 Kings 12:2

ULT

² And it happened as soon as Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard (now he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from the face of the king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelled in Egypt), ^[1]

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² When Jeroboam, who was still in Egypt, heard about that, he returned from Egypt to Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:3

ULT

³ that they sent and they called for him. And Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

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³ The leaders of the northern tribes summoned him, and they went together to talk to Rehoboam. They said to him,

Who came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam.

1 Kings 12:4**ULT**

⁴ "Your father caused our yoke to be heavy. But you now, cause it to be lighter than the hard work of your father and than his heavy yoke that he gave on us, and we will serve you."

UST

⁴ "Your father Solomon forced us to work very hard, and if you allow us to work less, we will serve you faithfully."

What did Israel ask of Rehoboam?

All Israel asked that Rehoboam would lighten the heavy yoke his father had put on them.

1 Kings 12:5**ULT**

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

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

For how many days did Rehoboam send the people away?

Rehoboam sent the people away for three days.

1 Kings 12:6**ULT**

⁶ And the king Rehoboam consulted with the elders, who had been standing ones with the face of Solomon his father while he was alive, saying, "How are you advising to return this people a word?"

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

With whom did Rehoboam consult?

Rehoboam consulted with the older men who stood before Solomon his father.

1 Kings 12:7**ULT**

⁷ And they spoke to him, saying, "If today you will be a servant to this people and you will serve them, and you will answer them and will speak good words to them, then they will be servants for you all the days."

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⁷ They replied, "If you want to serve these people well, speak kindly to them when you reply to them. If you do that, they will always serve you faithfully."

What did the older men say to Rehoboam?

The older men said that Rehoboam should say good words to the people of Israel.

1 Kings 12:8**ULT**

⁸ But he forsook the advice of the elders that they had advised him. And he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who were the ones standing before his face.

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⁸ But he ignored 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 with the advice the older men gave him?

Rehoboam ignored the advice of the older men.

1 Kings 12:9**ULT**

⁹ And he said to them, "What word are you advising that we should return this people who spoke to me saying, 'Cause it to be lighter than the yoke that your father gave on us?'"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you saying, 'Your father caused our yoke to be heavy but you must cause it to be lighter than what is on us.' Thus you shall speak to them, 'My little one is thicker than the loins of my father."

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¹⁰ They replied, "This is what you should tell them: 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist."

What did the younger men tell Rehoboam to say to the people?

The younger men told Rehoboam to say, "My little finger is thicker than my father's waist."

1 Kings 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ And now, my father loaded on you a heavy yoke, but as for me, I will add onto your yoke. My father punished you with the whips, but as for me, I will punish you with the scorpions."

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¹¹ What I mean is that my father required you to work hard. But I will make those loads heavier. It was as though my father whipped you, but I will whip you with scorpions."

What did Rehoboam say he would use to punish the people?

Rehoboam said he would use scorpions to punish the people.

1 Kings 12:12**ULT**

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

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¹² So three days later, Jeroboam and all the leaders came to Rehoboam again, which is what he had told them to do.

What had the king instructed the people to do?

The king had instructed the people to come back on the third day.

1 Kings 12:13**ULT**

¹³ And the king answered the people harshly. And he forsook the advice of the elders who had advised him.

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

How did the king answer the people?

The king answered the people roughly.

1 Kings 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father caused your yoke to be heavy, but as for me, I will add onto your yoke. My father punished you with the whips, but as for me, I will punish you with the scorpions."

UST

¹⁴ He told them what the younger men had advised. He said, "My father put heavy burdens of work 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!"

What did the king say he would do with the yoke on the people?

The king said he would add to the yoke on the people.

1 Kings 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn was from with Yahweh, so that he raised up his word, which Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

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¹⁵ So the king did not pay any attention to the Israelite leaders. Now 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.

Who brought about these events?

These events were brought about by Yahweh.

1 Kings 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And all Israel saw that the king had not listened to them, and the people returned the king a word, saying, "What portion is for us with David? And there is not an inheritance with the son of Jesse! To your tents, Israel! Now see your house, David." And Israel went to its tents.

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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 rule his own tribe!" So the Israelite leaders returned to their homes.

What did all Israel say when they saw that the king did not listen to them?

All Israel said, "We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; flee to your tents."

1 Kings 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But as for the sons of Israel, the ones who dwelled in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

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

Over what people did Rehoboam become king?

Rehoboam became king over the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

1 Kings 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the forced labor, and all Israel stoned him with stone and he died. And the king Rehoboam strengthened himself to go up in the chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

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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.

What did Israel do to Adoram?

All Israel stoned Adoram to death with stones.

1 Kings 12:19**ULT**

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

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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.)

1 Kings 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ And it happened as soon as all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation and they caused him to reign over all Israel. One was not after the house of David, except the tribe of Judah by itself.

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²⁰ When the Israelite people heard that Jeroboam had returned from Egypt, they invited him to come to a meeting, and there they appointed him to be the king of Israel. Only the people of the tribe of Judah continued to be loyal to the kings descended from King David.

Who followed the family of David?

Only the tribe of Judah followed the family of David.

1 Kings 12:21**ULT**

²¹ And Rehoboam entered Jerusalem and he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000 were chosen who make war, to fight against the house of Israel to return the kingship to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

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²¹ 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 the tribes of his kingdom again.

Why did Rehoboam assemble the house of Judah in Jerusalem?

Rehoboam assembled the house of Judah to fight against the house of Israel.

1 Kings 12:22**ULT**

²² And the word of God was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

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²² But God spoke to the prophet Shemaiah and said this to him:

To whom did the word of God come?

The word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God.

1 Kings 12:23**ULT**

²³ "Say to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, the king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and the remainder of the people, saying,

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²³ "Go and tell this to Solomon's son Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and to all the people of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and the people from the northern tribe who live in Judah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:24**ULT**

²⁴ "Thus says Yahweh: You shall not go up and you shall not fight against your brothers, the sons of Israel. Return, a man to his house, for from with me this thing has been." And they heard the word of Yahweh and they turned back to go according to the word of Yahweh.

UST

²⁴ "Yahweh says that you must not go to fight against your own relatives, the people of Israel. 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 listened what Yahweh had commanded them to do, and they went home.

What did Yahweh say?

Yahweh said, "You must not attack or fight against your brothers the people of Israel."

1 Kings 12:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and he dwelled in it. And he went out from there and he built Peniel.

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²⁵ Then Jeroboam's workers built walls around the city of Shechem in the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim lived, and he ruled from there for a while. He and his workers then left there and went to the city of Peniel, and they built walls around that city.

Where did Jeroboam build Shechem?

Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim.

1 Kings 12:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

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²⁶⁻²⁷ Then Jeroboam said to himself, "If my people continue to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices to Yahweh at the temple there, soon they will again become loyal to Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and they will kill me."

What did Jeroboam think in his heart?

Jeroboam thought in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David."

1 Kings 12:27**ULT**

²⁷ If this people goes up to make sacrifices in the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem, and the heart of this people will return to their master, to Rehoboam, the king of Judah. And they will slay me and will return to Rehoboam, the king of Judah."

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²⁶⁻²⁷ Then Jeroboam said to himself, "If my people continue to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices to Yahweh at the temple there, soon they will again become loyal to Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and they will kill me."

What did Jeroboam say about the people offering sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh?

Jeroboam said, "If these people offer sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh, they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

1 Kings 12:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the king consulted and made two calves of gold. And he said to them, "Going up to Jerusalem is too much for you. Behold your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"

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²⁸ So he consulted his advisors, and then he did what they suggested. He told his workers to make gold statues of two calves. Then he said to the people, "You have been going to Jerusalem to worship for a long time. You are making too big an effort to keep going there. You people of Israel, look! These statues are the gods that brought our ancestors up from Egypt! So you can worship these, here!"

What did King Jeroboam make?

King Jeroboam made two calves of gold.

1 Kings 12:29**ULT**

²⁹ And he set the one in Bethel and the one he gave in Dan.

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²⁹ He told his workers to place one of the statues in the city of Bethel in the south and one in the city of Dan in the north.

Where did Jeroboam set up the two calves of gold?

King Jeroboam set up one calf in Bethel and one in Dan.

1 Kings 12:30**ULT**

³⁰ And this thing became a sin, and the people went before the face of the one as far as Dan.

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³⁰ So what Jeroboam did caused the people to sin. Some of them went and worshiped the calf at Bethel, and others went and worshiped the other calf at Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:31**ULT**

³¹ And he made the house of high places. And he made priests from the ends of the people, who were not from the sons of Levi.

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³¹ Moses had declared that only men from the tribe of Levi would be priests, but Jeroboam also told his workers to build places on the hills where they could worship idols, and then he appointed men who were not from the tribe of Levi to be priests for the idols.

What people did Jeroboam make into priests?

Jeroboam made priests of the people who were not among the sons of Levi.

1 Kings 12:32**ULT**

³² And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, on the 15th day of the month, like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered up on the altar. Thus he did at Bethel to sacrifice to the calves that he had made. And he caused to stand at Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.

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³² They had a celebration in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day, like the celebration of living in temporary shelters that occurred in Judah each year. On the altar that they built at Bethel, he offered sacrifices to the gold statues of calves that they had made, and he stationed the priests on the hills where idols were worshiped, where his workers built houses used for idolatry.

What did Jeroboam do at Bethel?

Jeroboam ordained a feast at Bethel.

1 Kings 12:33**ULT**

³³ And he offered up on the altar that he had made at Bethel, on the 15th day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised by him alone. And he made a feast for the sons of Israel and he offered up on the altar to burn incense.

12:2 ^[1].

UST

³³ Jeroboam went up to that altar on that day in the eighth month that he himself had chosen. There on that altar he burned incense to be a sacrifice. And he declared that the people should celebrate that festival on that same day every year.

What did Jeroboam do at the altar in Bethel?

Jeroboam went up to the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings 13

1 Kings 13:1

ULT

¹ And behold, a man of God came from Judah with the word of Yahweh to Bethel. And Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.

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¹ One day a prophet, obeying what Yahweh commanded him to do, went from Judah north to Bethel. He arrived there right at the time that Jeroboam was standing at the altar, ready to burn incense.

Who came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh?

A man of God came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh.

1 Kings 13:2

ULT

² And he cried out against the altar with the word of Yahweh and he said: "Altar! Altar! Thus says Yahweh, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah shall be his name. And he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places, the ones who are burning incense on you. And the bones of a human shall be burned on you.'"

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² Saying what Yahweh told him to say, the prophet shouted, "This is what Yahweh says about this altar, 'I want you to know that some day a descendant of King David will be born. His name will be Josiah, and he will come here. He will slaughter at this altar the priests who are burning incense for sacrifices on the hills in this area, and he will burn the bones of dead people on this altar.'"

What did the man of God cry out against the altar at Bethel?

The man of God cried out against the altar, "On you they will burn men's bones."

1 Kings 13:3**ULT**

³ And he gave a sign on that day, saying, "This is the sign that Yahweh has spoken: 'Behold, the altar shall be torn into pieces, and the ash that is on it shall be poured out.'"

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³ Then the prophet also said, "This is what will prove to you that Yahweh has said this: This altar will be split apart, and the ashes that are on it will be scattered."

What sign did the man of God give about the altar?

The man of God gave a sign saying, "The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out."

1 Kings 13:4**ULT**

⁴ And it happened as soon as the king heard the word of the man of God that he had cried out against the altar at Bethel, that Jeroboam sent forth his hand from over the altar, saying, "Seize him!" And his hand that he had sent forth against him dried up and he was not able to return it to himself.

UST

⁴ When King Jeroboam heard what the prophet said about the altar at Bethel, he pointed his finger at him and said to his servants, "Seize that man!" But immediately the king's arm became paralyzed, with the result that he could not move it.

What happened to Jeroboam's hand when he reached out from the altar?

When Jeroboam reached out from the altar, his hand was dried up so he could not draw it back to himself.

1 Kings 13:5**ULT**

⁵ And the altar was torn into pieces and the ash was poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of Yahweh.

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⁵ (The altar split apart, and the ashes spilled out on the ground, which is what the prophet said that Yahweh had predicted would happen.)

What happened to the altar?

The altar was split apart and the ashes poured out as the man of God described.

1 Kings 13:6**ULT**

⁶ And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Appease, please, the face of Yahweh your God and pray for me, so my hand may return to me." And the man of God appeased the face of Yahweh, and the hand of the king returned to him, and it became like at the first.

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⁶ Then the king said to the prophet, "Please pray that Yahweh will be merciful to me and heal my arm!" So the prophet prayed, and Yahweh completely healed the king's arm.

What happened when the man of God prayed to Yahweh about Jeroboam's hand?

When the man of God prayed to Yahweh, the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.

1 Kings 13:7**ULT**

⁷ And the king spoke to the man of God, "Come with me to the house and sustain yourself, and I will give to you a gift."

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⁷ Then the king said to the prophet, "Come home with me and eat some food. And I will also give you a reward for what you have done!"

What did the king say to the man of God?

The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and I will give you a reward."

1 Kings 13:8**ULT**

⁸ And the man of God said to the king, "If you would give to me half of your house, I would not go with you, and I would not eat bread and I would not drink water in this place.

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⁸ But the prophet replied, "Even if you would promise to give me half of everything that you own, I will not go with you, and I will not eat or drink anything with you here,

What did the man of God say to the king?

The man of God said to the king, "I will not go with you."

1 Kings 13:9**ULT**

⁹ For thus he has commanded me by the word of Yahweh, saying, "You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water and you shall not return by the road that you went."

UST

⁹ because Yahweh commanded me not to eat or drink anything here. He also commanded me not to return home on the road on which I came here."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he went by another road and he did not return by the road by which he had come to Bethel.

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¹⁰ So he started to return home, but he did not go on the road on which he came to Bethel. He went on a different road.

What did the man of God do after speaking with the king?

After speaking with the king, the man of God returned home by a different way than he came to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now one old prophet was dwelling in Bethel, and his son came and he recounted to him all the news that the man of God had done that day in Bethel, the words that he had spoken to the king, and they recounted them to their father.

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¹¹ At that time there was an old man living in Bethel who was also a prophet. His sons came and told him what the prophet from Judah had done there on that day, and they also told him what the prophet had said to the king.

Where did an old prophet live?

An old prophet lived in Bethel.

1 Kings 13:12**ULT**

¹² And their father spoke to them, "Where is this, the road he went?" And his sons had seen the road that the man of God had gone when he came from Judah.

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¹² Their father said, "On which road did he go?" So his sons showed him the road on which the prophet from Judah had gone when he left Bethel.

Who saw the way that the man of God had gone from Bethel?

The old prophet's sons saw the way that the man of God went to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:13**ULT**

¹³ And he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled the donkey for him and he mounted on it.

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¹³ Then he said to his sons, "Put a saddle on my donkey." So they did that, and he got on the donkey.

Where did the old prophet find the man of God?

The old prophet found the man of God sitting under an oak tree.

1 Kings 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he went after the man of God and he found him sitting under the oak tree. And he said to him, "Are you the man of God, who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

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¹⁴ He went along the road to find the prophet from Judah. He found him sitting under an oak tree. He said to him, "Are you the prophet who came from Judah?" He replied, "Yes, I am."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he said to him, "Go with me to the house and eat bread."

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¹⁵ The old prophet said to him, "Come home with me and eat some food."

What did the old prophet say to the man of God?

The old prophet said to the man of God, "Come home with me and eat food."

1 Kings 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he said, "I am not able to return with you or to come with you. And I will not eat bread and will not drink water with you in this place.

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¹⁶ He replied, "No, I am not allowed to go with you into your house, or to eat or drink anything with you,

What was the man of God's answer to the old prophet?

The man of God answered, "I may not return with you or go in with you."

1 Kings 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For a word was to me by the word of Yahweh, 'You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water there. You shall not return to go by the road in which you went.'"

UST

¹⁷ because Yahweh told me, 'Do not eat or drink anything here, and do not return home on the road on which you came.'"

What was the old prophet's answer to the man of God?

The old prophet was lying to the man of God and answered, "An angel spoke by the word of Yahweh saying 'Bring him back to your house.'"

1 Kings 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and a messenger spoke to me with the word of Yahweh, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, so he may eat bread and he may drink water.'" (He lied to him.)

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¹⁸ Then the old prophet said to him, "I also am a prophet, like you are. Yahweh sent an angel to tell me that I should take you home with me and give you some food and drink." But the old man was lying when he said that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he returned with him and he ate bread in his house and he drank water.

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¹⁹ But because of what the old prophet said, the prophet from Judah returned with him to his home and ate some food and drank some water with him.

Where did the man of God go after the old prophet lied to him?

The man of God went back and ate food and drank water in his house.

1 Kings 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ And it happened that they were sitting at the table. And the word of Yahweh was to the prophet who had brought him back.

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²⁰ While they were sitting at the table, Yahweh spoke to the old man.

What came to the old prophet as they sat at the table?

The word of Yahweh came to the old prophet as they sat at the table.

1 Kings 13:21**ULT**

²¹ And he cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, saying, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because you have been rebellious against the mouth of Yahweh and you have not kept the command that Yahweh your God had commanded you,

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²¹ Then he cried out to the prophet from Judah, "This is what Yahweh says: 'You have disobeyed him, and you have not done what he commanded you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:22**ULT**

²² and you have returned and you have eaten bread and you have drunk water in the place where he spoke to you, "You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water," your corpse shall not enter into the grave of your fathers."

UST

²² Instead, you have come back here and had things to eat and drink in a place where he commanded you not to do that. As a result, you will be killed, and your body will not be buried in the grave where your ancestors are buried."

What did the word of Yahweh say to the man of God?

The word of Yahweh said, "Because you came back and ate food and drank water your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers."

1 Kings 13:23**ULT**

²³ And it happened after his eating bread and after his drinking, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

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²³ When they had finished eating, the old man put a saddle on the donkey for the prophet from Judah, and the prophet from Judah left.

What did the old prophet do after they ate?

After they ate, the old prophet saddled the man of God's donkey for him.

1 Kings 13:24**ULT**

²⁴ And he went and a lion found him in the road and it put him to death. And his corpse was thrown in the road and the donkey was standing beside it and the lion was standing beside the corpse.

UST

²⁴ But as he was going, a lion met him and killed him. The prophet's corpse was lying on the road; the donkey was standing beside it, and the lion was also standing beside the corpse.

What happened after the man of God had gone?

After the man of God had gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him.

1 Kings 13:25**ULT**

²⁵ And behold, men were passing by and they saw the corpse thrown in the road, and the lion standing beside the corpse. And they came and spoke in the city in which the old prophet was dwelling.

UST

²⁵ Some men passed by and were surprised to see the corpse on the road and the lion standing next to the corpse. So they went into Bethel and reported what they had seen.

What did men do when they saw the body of the man of God lying on the road?

When men saw the man of God's body lying on the road, they came back and told it in the city of the old prophet.

1 Kings 13:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the prophet who had brought him back from the road heard and he said, "He is the man of God who was rebellious against the mouth of Yahweh. And Yahweh gave him to the lion, and it tore him into pieces and put him to death according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken to him."

UST

²⁶ When the old man who had brought the prophet from Judah to his home heard about it, he said, "That is the prophet who disobeyed what Yahweh told him to do! That is why Yahweh allowed the lion to attack him and kill him. That is what Yahweh said would happen!"

What was the old prophet's answer to the men?

The old prophet answered, "This is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of Yahweh."

1 Kings 13:27**ULT**

²⁷ And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it.

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²⁷ Then he said to his sons, "Put a saddle on my donkey." So they did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:28**ULT**

²⁸ And he went and found the corpse thrown in the road and the donkey and the lion standing beside the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse and had not torn the donkey into pieces.

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²⁸ Then he rode on the donkey and found the prophet's corpse on the road, and his donkey and the lion were still standing there alongside the corpse. But the lion had not eaten any of the flesh of the prophet and had not attacked the donkey.

What did the old prophet do after hearing the men?

The old prophet spoke to his sons to saddle his donkey and he went and found the body left in the road.

1 Kings 13:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the prophet lifted up the corpse of the man of God and he rested it on the donkey and he brought it back. And he entered into the city of the old prophet to wail and to bury him.

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²⁹ The old man picked up the corpse of the prophet and put it on his donkey and brought it back to Bethel, in order to mourn for him and to bury his corpse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:30**ULT**

³⁰ And he rested his corpse in his grave. And they wailed over him, "Alas, my brother!"

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³⁰ He buried the prophet's corpse in the grave where other people in his family had been buried. Then he and his sons mourned about him, saying, "We are very sorry, my brother!"

What did the old prophet do with the body of the man of God?

The old prophet took up the body of the man of God and buried him in his own grave.

1 Kings 13:31**ULT**

³¹ And it happened after his burying him that he said to his sons, saying, "When I die, then you shall bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried. Beside his bones rest my bones.

UST

³¹ After they had buried him, the old man said to his sons, "When I die, bury my corpse in the grave where we buried the prophet from Judah. Lay my corpse next to his corpse.

What did the old prophet say to his sons about his own burial?

The old prophet said to his sons, "When I am dead, bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried."

1 Kings 13:32**ULT**

³² For the word that he cried out by the word of Yahweh against the altar that is in Bethel and against all the houses of the high places that are in the cities of Samaria will certainly happen."

UST

³² And do not forget what he said, things that Yahweh told him to say about the altar in Bethel, and what Yahweh told him to say about the places where they worshiped idols on the hills around the towns in Samaria. Those things will surely happen."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:33**ULT**

³³ After this matter Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but he returned and made from the ends of the people priests of the high places. The desiring one, he would fill his hand, and he would become one of the priests of the high places.

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³³ But King Jeroboam still did not stop continuing to do the evil things that he was doing. Instead, he appointed more priests from men who were not descended from Levi. He appointed as priest anyone who agreed to become one, in order that he could offer sacrifices on the hilltops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:34**ULT**

³⁴ And by this thing it became the sin of the house of Jeroboam, both to efface and to annihilate from on the face of the ground.

UST

³⁴ Because he committed that sin, a few years later God got rid of most of Jeroboam's descendants and did not allow them to become kings of Israel.

What thing became sin to the family of Jeroboam and caused it to be cut off from the face of the earth?

Jeroboam did not turn away from evil and consecrated as priests whomever he would; this thing became sin to the family of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14

1 Kings 14:1

ULT

¹ At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.

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¹ At that time, Jeroboam's son Abijah became very sick.

What happened to Abijah the son of Jeroboam?

Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

1 Kings 14:2

ULT

² And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Rise now and change yourself, so they will not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam. And you will go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, he himself spoke concerning me as king over this people.

UST

² Jeroboam said to his wife, "Disguise yourself in order that no one will recognize that you are my wife. Then go to the city of Shiloh, where the prophet Ahijah lives. He is the one who predicted that I would become the king of Israel.

What did Jeroboam ask his wife to do?

Jeroboam asked his wife to disguise herself and go to the prophet Ahijah in Shiloh.

1 Kings 14:3

ULT

³ And you will take in your hand ten bread loaves and cakes and a jar of honey and go to him. He himself will tell you what will happen to the boy."

UST

³ Take with you ten loaves of bread and some small flat cakes, and a jar of honey, and give them to him. Tell him about our son, and he will tell you what will happen to him."

Why did Jeroboam ask his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah?

Jeroboam asked his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah to find out what would happen to his sick son.

1 Kings 14:4**ULT**

⁴ And the wife of Jeroboam did so. And she rose and went to Shiloh and she entered the house of Ahijah. (Now Ahijah was not able to see because his eyes stood because of his old age.)

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⁴ So his wife went to Shiloh, to Ahijah's house. Ahijah was unable to see, because he was very old and had become blind.

What was wrong with Ahijah's eyes?

Since Ahijah was old he was blind and his eyes could not see.

1 Kings 14:5**ULT**

⁵ And Yahweh said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to seek a word from with you regarding her son, for he is sick. Like this and like that you shall speak to her. And it will happen as soon as she comes that she will be changing herself."

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⁵ But before she got there, Yahweh told Ahijah that Jeroboam's wife was coming to inquire about their son, who was very sick. And Yahweh told Ahijah what he should tell her. When she came to him, she pretended to be another woman.

Who told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you."?

Yahweh told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you to seek advice concerning her son."

1 Kings 14:6**ULT**

⁶ And it happened as soon as Ahijah heard the sound of her feet entering in the opening that he said, "Enter, wife of Jeroboam. Why is this, you are changing yourself? Now I have been sent to you with a harsh thing.

UST

⁶ But when Ahijah heard her footsteps as she entered the doorway, he said to her, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam! Why do you pretend that you are someone else? Yahweh has given me bad news to tell you.

What did Ahijah say to the wife of Jeroboam?

When Ahijah heard her come in at the door he said to her, "Why do you pretend to be someone that you are not?"

1 Kings 14:7**ULT**

⁷ Go, say to Jeroboam, thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Because I raised you up from the midst of the people and I gave you as a leader over my people Israel,

UST

⁷ Go and tell Jeroboam that this is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you: 'I chose you from among the common people and enabled you to become the king of my Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:8**ULT**

⁸ and I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and I gave it to you, but you are not like my servant David, who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all his heart, to do only the upright thing in my eyes.

UST

⁸ I took most of the kingdom of Israel away from David's descendants and gave it to you. But you have not been like David, who served me very well. He obeyed all my commandments very sincerely, doing only things that I considered to be right.

What did the God of Israel say about Jeroboam?

The God of Israel said to Jeroboam, "You have not been like my servant David who kept my commandments."

1 Kings 14:9**ULT**

⁹ And you have done evil by doing more than all who were before your face. And you went and made for yourself other gods and cast images to provoke me to anger and you have thrown me behind your back.

UST

⁹ But you have done more evil things than all those who ruled before you. You have rejected me, and you have caused me to become very angry by making metal images of other gods so that you and others could worship them.

What did Jeroboam do to provoke Yahweh to anger?

Jeroboam cast metal images to provoke Yahweh to anger.

1 Kings 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Therefore, behold, I am about to bring evil to the house of Jeroboam, and I will cut off with respect to Jeroboam one who urinates against a wall, one who is restrained and one who is let free in Israel. And I will burn after the house of Jeroboam just as the dung burns until it is finished.

UST

¹⁰ So, I am going to cause terrible things to happen to your family. I will cause all your male descendants to die, young ones and old ones. I will completely get rid of your family just like a man completely burns dung to cook his food.

What disaster would Yahweh bring on Jeroboam?

Yahweh said that he would cut off from him every male child in Israel.

1 Kings 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ The one who dies with respect to Jeroboam in the city the dogs will eat, and the one who dies in the country the birds of the heavens will eat, for Yahweh has spoken.'

UST

¹¹ The corpses of any members of your family who die in cities will be eaten by dogs. And the corpses of any members of your family who die out in the open fields will be eaten by vultures. This will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said that it will happen.'

What would happen to anyone of Jeroboam's family who died in the city?

Anyone of Jeroboam's family who died in the city would be eaten by dogs.

1 Kings 14:12**ULT**

¹² And you, rise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, then the child will die.

UST

¹² So go back home. And as soon as you enter the city, your son will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:13**ULT**

¹³ And all Israel will wail for him and they will bury him. For this one by himself with respect to Jeroboam will enter into a grave, because in him a good thing was found for Yahweh, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

UST

¹³ All the Israelite people will mourn for him and bury him. He is the only one of Jeroboam's family who will be buried properly, because he is the only one of Jeroboam's family with whom Yahweh is at all pleased.

What would all Israel do for the child of Jeroboam?

All Israel would mourn for and bury the child of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Yahweh will raise up for himself a king over Israel who will cut off the house of Jeroboam this day, and what it will be even now!

UST

¹⁴ Furthermore, Yahweh will appoint for himself a king to rule over Israel who will get rid of Jeroboam's descendants. And that will start to happen today!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Yahweh will strike Israel just as the reed sways in the waters, and he will uproot Israel from on this good ground that he gave to their fathers. And he will scatter them from the other side of the river, because they made their Asherahs, which provoked Yahweh to anger.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh will punish the people of Israel. He will shake them like the wind shakes the reeds that grow in a stream. He will expel the Israelite people from this good land that he gave to our ancestors. He will scatter them into countries east of the Euphrates River, because they have caused him to become very angry by worshiping statues of the goddess Asherah.

How far did Yahweh say that he would scatter Israel?

Yahweh said that he would scatter Israel beyond the Euphrates river.

1 Kings 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he will give Israel over on account of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin."

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh will abandon the Israelite people because of the sins that Jeroboam committed, sins which induced the Israelite people to commit them."

What did Yahweh say that Jeroboam led Israel to do?

Yahweh said that Jeroboam led Israel to sin.

1 Kings 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the wife of Jeroboam rose and went and came to Tirzah. She was entering at the threshold of the house and the boy died.

UST

¹⁷ Jeroboam's wife returned home to the city of Tirzah, the new capital of Israel. And just as she entered her house, her son died.

What happened when Jeroboam's wife came to the threshold of the house?

When Jeroboam's wife came to the threshold of the house, the child died.

1 Kings 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And they buried him and all Israel wailed for him, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

UST

¹⁸ All the Israelite people mourned for him and buried him, which is what Yahweh had told his servant, the prophet Ahijah, would happen.

What did all Israel do after the child died?

All Israel mourned for him and buried him.

1 Kings 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the remainder of the matters of Jeroboam, that he fought and that he reigned, behold, they are written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

¹⁹ Everything else that Jeroboam did, and the record of wars that his army fought, and how he ruled, is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

Where were the other matters concerning Jeroboam written?

The other matters concerning Jeroboam were written in the Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

1 Kings 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the days that Jeroboam reigned were 22 years. And he layed down with his fathers and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

UST

²⁰ Jeroboam ruled for twenty-two years. Then he died, and his son Nadab became king.

How many years did Jeroboam reign before he slept with his fathers?

Jeroboam reigned for twenty-two years and slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 14:21**ULT**

²¹ Now Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was a son of 41 years when he reigned. And he reigned 17 years in Jerusalem, the city there where Yahweh chose to put his name from all the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonite woman.

UST

²¹ Solomon's son Rehoboam ruled Judah. He was forty-one years old when he started to rule, and he ruled for seventeen years. He ruled in Jerusalem, which is the city that Yahweh chose out of all the tribes of Israel to be the place where he should be worshiped. Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah. She was from the Ammon people group.

Who was reigning in Judah?

Rehoboam the son of Solomon was reigning in Judah.

1 Kings 14:22**ULT**

²² And Judah did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And they made him jealous more than all that their fathers did with their sins that they sinned.

UST

²² The people of Judah did many things that Yahweh said were evil. They caused him to become angry because they committed more sins than their ancestors had committed. They worshiped many other gods instead of worshiping only Yahweh.

How did Judah provoke Yahweh to jealousy?

Judah provoked Yahweh to jealousy with the sins they committed.

1 Kings 14:23**ULT**

²³ And they, even they built for themselves high places and pillars and asherahs on every high hill and under every flourishing tree.

UST

²³ They built places to worship those gods. On high hills and under big trees they set up pillars and poles for worshiping Asherah.

What did Judah build on every high hill and under every green tree?

Judah built shrines and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.

1 Kings 14:24**ULT**

²⁴ And also a cultic prostitute was in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had dispossessed from before the face of the sons of Israel.

UST

²⁴ Also, there were male prostitutes at these places of worship. The Israelite people did the same disgraceful things that had been done by the people whom Yahweh had expelled while the Israelites were advancing through the land.

What despicable things did the nations do?

The nations had male prostitutes in the land.

1 Kings 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ And it happened that in the fifth year of the king Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt went up against Jerusalem.

UST

²⁵ When Rehoboam had been ruling for almost five years, King Shishak of Egypt came with his army to attack Jerusalem.

In what year did Shishak come up against Jerusalem?

In the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak came up against Jerusalem.

1 Kings 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ And he took away the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the house of the king and the entirety he took. And he took all the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

UST

²⁶ They took away all the valuable things in the temple and in the king's palace, including the gold shields that Solomon's workers had made.

What shields did Shishak take away from Jerusalem?

Shishak took the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

1 Kings 14:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the king Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place. And he assigned them to the hand of the commanders of the ones who run, the ones who keep the opening of the house of the king.

UST

²⁷ King Rehoboam's workers made bronze shields to replace them and put them into the hands of officers who guarded the entrance to the king's palace.

What did King Rehoboam do with the shields of bronze that he made?

King Rehoboam entrusted them into the hands of the commander of the guard.

1 Kings 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ And it happened that as often as the king entered the house of Yahweh, the ones who run lifted them up and they brought them back to the chamber of the ones who run.

UST

²⁸ Every time that the king went into the temple, those guards carried those shields, and when he left the temple they returned the shields to the storeroom.

When would the guards carry the shields of bronze?

Whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the guards would carry the shields.

1 Kings 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the remainder of the matters of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

²⁹ Everything else that Rehoboam did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

Where were the other matters of King Rehoboam written?

The other matters of King Rehoboam were written in The Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

1 Kings 14:30**ULT**

³⁰ And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days.

UST

³⁰ There were wars continually between the armies of Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:31

ULT

³¹ And Rehoboam layed down with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonite woman. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

UST

³¹ Then Rehoboam died, and he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors were buried. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite woman. Then his son Abijah became the king.

Who became king in Rehoboam's place?

Abijah, Rehoboam's son, became king in his place.

1 Kings 15

1 Kings 15:1

ULT

¹ Now in year 18 of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah.

UST

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

When did Abijah begin to reign over Judah?

Abijah began to reign over Judah in the fifteenth year of King Jeroboam.

1 Kings 15:2

ULT

² Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

UST

² He ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.

How long did Abijah rule in Jerusalem?

Abijah ruled in Jerusalem for three years.

1 Kings 15:3

ULT

³ And he walked in all the sins of his father that he had done before his face. And his heart was not completely with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.

UST

³ Abijah committed the same kind of sins that his father had committed. He was not fully dedicated to Yahweh his God, as his ancestor David had been.

Was Abijah's heart devoted to Yahweh his God?

Abijah's heart was not devoted to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 15:4**ULT**

⁴ But for the sake of David, Yahweh his God gave to him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him, and by causing Jerusalem to stand,

UST

⁴ But, because of what Yahweh his God had promised to David, Yahweh gave Abijah a son to rule in Jerusalem after him, and in order to protect Jerusalem from their enemies.

Why did Yahweh raise up a son for Abijah in Jerusalem?

Yahweh raised up a son for Abijah to strengthen Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:5**ULT**

⁵ because David had done the upright thing in the eyes of Yahweh and he had not turned from all that he had commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

UST

⁵ Yahweh did that because David had always done what pleased Yahweh and because David had always obeyed Yahweh. The only time when he disobeyed Yahweh was when he caused Uriah to be killed due to his sin with Bathsheba.

In what matter did David turn away from Yahweh?

David only turned away from Yahweh in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1 Kings 15:6**ULT**

⁶ And war was between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

UST

⁶ There were wars between the armies of Rehoboam and Jeroboam all during the time that Abijah ruled.

What happened all the days of Abijah's life?

There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of Abijah's life.

1 Kings 15:7**ULT**

⁷ And the remainder of the matters of Abijam and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? And war was between Abijah and Jeroboam.

UST

⁷ Everything else that Abijah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah. There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Abijam laid down with his fathers and they buried him in the city of David. And Asa his son reigned in his place.

UST

⁸ Abijah died and was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, and his son Asa became king.

When Abijah slept with his fathers who became king in his place?

When Abijah slept with his fathers Asa became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:9**ULT**

⁹ And in year 20 of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Asa reigned as the king of Judah.

UST

⁹ After Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost twenty years, Asa started to rule Judah.

When did Asa begin to reign over Judah?

Asa began to reign over Judah in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he reigned 41 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

UST

¹⁰ He ruled in Jerusalem for forty-one years. His grandmother was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.

How many years did Asa reign in Jerusalem?

Asa reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Asa did the upright thing in the eyes of Yahweh like David his father.

UST

¹¹ Asa did what was pleasing to Yahweh, as his ancestor David had done.

What did Asa do in the eyes of Yahweh?

Asa did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh as David had done.

1 Kings 15:12**ULT**

¹² And he caused the cultic prostitutes to pass over from the land. And he removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

UST

¹² He got rid of the male prostitutes who were at the places where the people worshiped idols, and he also got rid of all the idols that his ancestors had made.

What did Asa do in the land?

Asa removed the male prostitutes and the idols his ancestors had made in the land.

1 Kings 15:13**ULT**

¹³ And also Maacah his mother he removed her from being queen-mother because she had made a horrid thing for the Asherah. And Asa cut down her horrid thing and he burned it in the wadi of Kidron.

UST

¹³ He also removed his grandmother Maacah so that she no longer had influence in the government because of being the mother of a previous king. He did that because she had made a disgusting wooden statue of the goddess Asherah. Asa told his workers to cut down the statue and burned it in the Kidron Valley.

Whom did Asa remove from being queen?

Asa removed his own grandmother Maacah from being queen.

1 Kings 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But they did not remove the high places. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was completely with Yahweh all his days.

UST

¹⁴ He was not able to destroy all the places where the people worshiped Yahweh, but he continued to be dedicated to Yahweh all during the time that he lived.

What was the condition of Asa's heart toward Yahweh?

Asa's heart was completely devoted to Yahweh all his days.

1 Kings 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he brought the holy things of his father and his holy things for the house of Yahweh, silver and gold and vessels.

UST

¹⁵ He told his workers to place in the temple all the items that his father had dedicated to God, and all the gold and silver things that he had dedicated to God.

What did Asa bring into the house of Yahweh?

Asa brought consecrated things into the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And war was between Asa and Baasha the king of Israel, all their days.

UST

¹⁶ There were wars between the armies of Asa and Baasha, the king of Israel, all during the time that they ruled.

With whom was Asa at war?

Asa was at war with Baasha king of Israel all their days.

1 Kings 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Baasha the king of Israel went up against Judah and he built up the Ramah, so as not to give going out or coming in to Asa the king of Judah.

UST

¹⁷ Baasha's army invaded Judah. They captured the city of Ramah north of Jerusalem. Then they started to build a wall around it in order to prevent people from entering or leaving the area in Judah that King Asa ruled.

Why did Baasha build up Ramah?

Baasha built up Ramah so that no one would enter into or leave the land of Asa.

1 Kings 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Asa took all the silver and the gold that was remaining in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh and the storerooms of the house of the king, and he gave them into the hand of his servants. And the king Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, the king of Aram, the one who dwelled in Damascus, saying,

UST

¹⁸ So Asa told his workers to take all the silver and gold that was still in the storerooms in the temple and in the palace and gave it to some of his officials. He told them to take it to Damascus and give it to King Ben Hadad who ruled Aram. Ben Hadad was son of Tabrimmon and grandson of Hezion. He told the officials to say this to Ben Hadad:

What did Asa do with all the silver and gold from the storerooms of the house of Yahweh?

Asa sent the silver and gold to Benhadad who lived in Damascus.

1 Kings 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ "Let there be a covenant between me and you, between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha the king of Israel and he may go up from against me."

UST

¹⁹ "I want there to be a peace treaty between me and you, like there was between my father and your father. For that purpose, I am giving you this silver and gold. So now please cancel the treaty that you 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."

What did Asa say to Benhadad?

Asa said to Benhadad, "Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father."

1 Kings 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Ben Hadad listened to the king Asa and he sent the commanders of the strong ones who were for him against the cities of Israel. And he struck Ijon and Dan and Abel Beth Maacah and all Kinnereth, with all the land of Naphtali.

UST

²⁰ So the officials went and gave the message to Ben Hadad, and he did what Asa suggested. He sent his army commanders and their soldiers to attack some of the towns in Israel. They captured Ijon, Dan, Abel of Beth Maacah, the area near the Sea of Galilee, and all the land of the tribe of Naphtali.

What did Benhadad do after he listened to Asa?

After he listened to Asa, Benhadad sent his armies to attack the cities of Israel.

1 Kings 15:21**ULT**

²¹ And it happened as soon as Baasha heard, that he ceased from building up the Ramah and he dwelled in Tirzah.

UST

²¹ When Baasha heard about that, he told his soldiers to stop working at Ramah. He and his soldiers returned to Tirzah and stayed there.

What did Baasha do when he heard about this?

When Baasha heard about the attacks, he stopped building up Ramah.

1 Kings 15:22**ULT**

²² And the king Asa caused all Judah to hear, There was no one free from obligation. And they lifted up the stones of the Ramah and its trees that Baasha had built. And with them the king Asa built Geba of Benjamin and the Mizpah.

UST

²² Then King Asa sent a message to all the people in the towns in Judah, stating that they all were required to go to Ramah and carry away the stones and timber that Baasha's soldiers had been using to build a wall around the city. With those stones and timber they fortified the city of Mizpah north of Jerusalem, and Geba, a town in the territory of the tribe of Benjamin.

What did Asa do with the materials that were used to build up Ramah?

Asa took the materials that were used to build up Ramah and used them to build up Geba and Mizpah.

1 Kings 15:23**ULT**

²³ And the remainder of all the matters of Asa and all his might and all that he did and the cities that he built, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? Only at the time of his old age did he become sick in his feet.

UST

²³ Everything else that Asa did, the armies that his soldiers defeated, and the names of the cities that he caused to be fortified, are all written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah. But when Asa became old, he got a disease in his feet.

Where were all of Asa's matters written?

All of Asa's matters were written in The Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

1 Kings 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Asa laid down with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

UST

²⁴ He died and was buried where his ancestors were buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Jehoshaphat became king.

After Asa slept with his fathers, who became king in his place?

After Asa slept with his fathers, his son Jehoshephat became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in year two of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.

UST

²⁵ After Asa had been the king of Judah for almost two years, King Jeroboam's son Nadab started to rule Israel. He ruled for two years.

Who began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa?

Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa.

1 Kings 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ And he did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

UST

²⁶ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. His behavior was sinful like his father's behavior had been, and what he did induced the people of Israel to sin.

How did Nadab walk in the sight of Yahweh?

Nadab did evil in the sight of Yahweh and walked in the ways of his father.

1 Kings 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Baasha the son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against him, and Baasha struck him down at Gibbethon, which is for the Philistines. And Nadab and all Israel were laying siege against Gibbethon.

UST

²⁷ A man named Baasha, from the tribe of Issachar, planned to harm him. He killed Nadab when Nadab and his army had surrounded the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia.

What did Baasha son of Ahijah do at Gibbethon?

Baasha the son of Ahijah killed Nadab at Gibbethon.

1 Kings 15:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Baasha put him to death in year three of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned in his place.

UST

²⁸ That was when Asa had been the king ruling Judah for almost three years. Then Baasha became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:29**ULT**

²⁹ And it happened that as soon as he reigned, he struck down all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave any breathing one of Jeroboam, until he had annihilated him according to the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite,

UST

²⁹ As soon as he became king, he commanded his soldiers to kill all of Jeroboam's family. Doing what Yahweh had told the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh would happen, they killed all of Jeroboam's family. None of them were left.

What did Baasha do as soon as he became king?

As soon as Baasha became king, he killed all of the family of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ on account of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin, by his anger that he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger.

UST

³⁰ That happened because Yahweh had become very angry with Jeroboam because of all the sins that Jeroboam had committed, and because of the sins that he had persuaded the people of Israel to commit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:31**ULT**

³¹ And the remainder of the matters of Nadab and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

³¹ Everything else that Nadab did is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

How long was there war between Asa and Baasha?

There was war between Asa and Baasha all their days.

1 Kings 15:32**ULT**

³² And war was between Asa and Baasha the king of Israel all their days.

UST

³² There were wars between the armies of King Asa and King Baasha all the time that they ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:33**ULT**

³³ In year three of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah reigned over all Israel in Tirzah 24 years.

UST

³³ After Asa had been the king of Judah for almost three years, Baasha son of Ahijah, started to rule Israel at the city of Tirzah. He ruled for twenty-four years.

How long did Baasha reign in Tirza?

Baasha reigned in Tirza for twenty-four years.

1 Kings 15:34

ULT

³⁴ And he did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

UST

³⁴ Baasha did many things that Yahweh said were evil, and he lived a sinful life just like Jeroboam lived. Baasha's sinful life set an example for the people of Israel that encouraged them to commit sins that were like his sins.

How did Baasha live?

Baasha did evil in the sight of Yahweh and lived in the way of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 16

1 Kings 16:1

ULT

¹ And the word of Yahweh was to Jehu the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

UST

¹ During the time that Baasha was king of Israel, the prophet Jehu, Hanani's son, gave Baasha this message that he had received from Yahweh:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:2

ULT

² "Because I raised you up from the dust and I gave you as leader over my people Israel, and you walked in the way of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin, by provoking me to anger by their sins,

UST

² "You were very insignificant when I caused you to become the ruler of my Israelite people. But you have caused me to become very angry by doing the kinds of evil things that King Jeroboam did. You have also caused me to become angry by causing my people to sin.

Out of what did Yahweh exalt Baasha?

Yahweh exalted him out of the dust.

1 Kings 16:3

ULT

³ behold, I am about to burn after Baasha and after his house. And I shall make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

UST

³ So now I will get rid of you and your family. I will do to you just like I did to Jeroboam and his family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:4**ULT**

⁴ The one who dies of Baasha in the city the dogs shall eat. And the one who dies of him in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat.

UST

⁴ The bodies of those in your family who die in this city will not be buried. They will be eaten by dogs, and the bodies of those who die in the fields will be eaten by vultures."

What would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city?

The dogs would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city.

1 Kings 16:5**ULT**

⁵ And the remainder of the matters of Baasha and what he did and his might, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

⁵ The other things that Baasha did during the time that he ruled Israel, and the great things that his army did, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:6**ULT**

⁶ And Baasha laid down with his fathers and he was buried in Tirzah. And Elah his son reigned in his place.

UST

⁶ When Baasha died, he was buried in Tirzah, the capital city. Then his son Elah became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:7**ULT**

⁷ And also by the hand of Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet, the word of Yahweh was to Baasha and to his house, and against all the evil that he had done in the eyes of Yahweh, by provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, by being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he had struck him down.

UST

⁷ Yahweh gave that message about Baasha and his family to the prophet Jehu. Baasha had done many deeds that Yahweh said were evil, which caused Yahweh to become angry. Baasha did the same kind of deeds that King Jeroboam and his family had done previously. Yahweh was also angry with Baasha because he had killed all of Jeroboam's family.

Why did the word of Yahweh come against Baasha and his family?

The word of Yahweh came against Baasha and his family, both because of all the evil he did in the sight of Yahweh, and also because he had killed all of Jeroboam's family.

1 Kings 16:8**ULT**

⁸ In the year of year 26 of Asa the king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha reigned over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

UST

⁸ After Asa had been the king of Judah for almost twenty-six years, Elah became the king of Israel. Elah ruled in Tirzah for only two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:9**ULT**

⁹ And his servant Zimri, the commander of half of the chariotry, conspired against him. And he was in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the house in Tirzah.

UST

⁹ A man named Zimri was one of Elah's army officers. He commanded the drivers of half of Elah's army's chariots. He made plans to kill Elah while Elah was in Tirzah, getting drunk at the house of a man named Arza. Arza was the man who took care of the things in the king's palace.

What was Elah doing when Zimri killed him? (vv9-10)

Elah was drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza when Zimri killed him.

1 Kings 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Zimri entered and he struck him down and he put him to death in year 27 of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned in his place.

UST

¹⁰ Zimri went into Arza's house and killed Elah. Then he became the king of Israel. That was when Asa had been the king of Judah for twenty-seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it happened that when he reigned, as soon as he sat on his throne, he struck down all the house of Baasha. He did not leave of him one who urinates on a wall or his kinsmen or his friend.

UST

¹¹ As soon as Zimri became king, he killed all of Baasha's family. He killed every male in Baasha's family and all of Baasha's male friends.

When did Zimri kill all the family of Baasha?

When Zimri began to reign, as soon as he had sat on his throne, he killed all the family of Baasha.

1 Kings 16:12**ULT**

¹² And Zimri annihilated all the house of Baasha according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke against Baasha by the hand of Jehu the prophet,

UST

¹² So he got rid of all of Baasha's family. That was just what Yahweh told the prophet Jehu would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:13**ULT**

¹³ concerning all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son which they had sinned, and because they caused Israel to sin, by provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger with their vapors.

UST

¹³ Baasha and his son Elah had sinned and induced the Israelite people to sin. They caused Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worshiped, to become angry, because they both urged the people to worship worthless idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the remainder of the matters of Elah and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

¹⁴ Everything else that Elah did is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ In the year of year 27 of Asa the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people were camping against Gibbethon, which was for the Philistines.

UST

¹⁵ So Zimri became the king of Israel after Asa had been king of Judah for twenty-seven years. But Zimri ruled in Tirzah for only seven days. The Israelite army was besieging Gibeah, a town that belonged to the Philistine people group.

To whom did Gibbethon belong?

Gibbethon belonged to the Philistines.

1 Kings 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the people, the ones who camped, heard, saying, "Zimri has conspired and also has struck down the king!" And all Israel caused Omri, the commander of the army, to reign over Israel on that day in the camp.

UST

¹⁶ The men in the Israelite army camp heard that Zimri had secretly planned to kill King Elah, and then had killed him. So on that day the soldiers chose Omri, the commander of their army, to become the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Omri went up from Gibbethon and all Israel with him, and they laid seige against Tirzah.

UST

¹⁷ The Israelite army was camped near Gibbethon. When they heard what Zimri had done, they left there and went to Tirzah, and surrounded the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And it happened as soon as Zimri saw that the city had been seized, that he entered into the citadel of the house of the king. And he burned the house of the king over himself with fire and he died,

UST

¹⁸ When Zimri realized that the city was about to be captured, he went into his palace and set it on fire. So the palace burned down, and he died in the fire.

Where did Zimri kill himself?

Zimri killed himself in the fortress attached to the king's palace.

1 Kings 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ on account of his sin that he had sinned by doing the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh, by walking in the way of Jeroboam, and by his sin that he did by causing Israel to sin.

UST

¹⁹ He died because he had sinned by doing many things that Yahweh said were evil. Jeroboam had induced the Israelite people to sin, and Zimri sinned just like Jeroboam had sinned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the remainder of the matters of Zimri and his conspiracy that he conspired, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

²⁰ All the other things that Zimri did, and the record of how he rebelled against King Elah, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:21**ULT**

²¹ Then the people of Israel was divided by the half. Half of the people were behind Tibni the son of Ginath, to cause him to reign, but the other half were behind Omri.

UST

²¹ After Zimri died, the Israelite people were divided among themselves. One group wanted Tibni son of Ginath, to be their king. The other group wanted Omri to be the king.

By what two leaders were the people of Israel divided into two parts?

The people of Israel divided into two parts by Tibni the son of Ginath and by Omri.

1 Kings 16:22**ULT**

²² And the people who were behind Omri became strong against the people who were behind Tibni the son of Ginath. And Tibni died and Omri reigned.

UST

²² Those who supported Omri were stronger than those who supported Tibni. So Tibni was killed, and Omri became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:23**ULT**

²³ In the year of year 31 of Asa the king of Judah, Omri reigned over Israel 12 years. In Tirzah he reigned six years.

UST

²³ Omri became king when Asa had been king of Judah for almost thirty-one years. Omri ruled Israel for twelve years. For the first six years he ruled in Tirzah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:24**ULT**

²⁴ And he bought the hill Samaria from with Shemer for two kikkars silver. And he built the hill and he called the name of the city that he built Samaria, in accordance with the name of Shemer, the master of the hill.

UST

²⁴ Then he bought a hill from a man named Shemer and paid him about sixty-six kilograms of silver for it. Then Omri ordered his men to build a city on that hill, and he called it Samaria, to honor Shemer, the man who owned it previously.

Why did Omri call the name of the city Samaria?

Omri called the name of the city Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the past owner of the hill.

1 Kings 16:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Omri did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh and he did more evil than all who were before him.

UST

²⁵ But Omri did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did more evil deeds than any of the kings who ruled Israel before he did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:26**ULT**

²⁶ And he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins that he caused Israel to sin by provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger with their vapors.

UST

²⁶ When Jeroboam was previously the king, he had induced the Israelite people to sin, and Omri committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam did. The Israelite people caused Yahweh, the God the Israelite people had worshiped, to become very angry, because they worshiped worthless idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the remainder of the matters of Omri, what he did and his might that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

²⁷ Everything that Omri did, and the record of the victories that his army won, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Omri laid down with his fathers and he was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his son reigned in his place.

UST

²⁸ After Omri died, he was buried in Samaria, and his son Ahab became king.

Who became king in Omri's place?

Ahab his son became king in his place.

1 Kings 16:29**ULT**

²⁹ And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in the year of year 38 of Asa the king of Judah. And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria 22 years.

UST

²⁹ Ahab became king of Israel when Asa had ruled Judah for almost thirty-eight years. Ahab ruled in the city of Samaria for twenty-two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:30**ULT**

³⁰ And Ahab the son of Omri did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh, more than all who were before his face.

UST

³⁰ Ahab did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did more evil deeds than any of the kings who ruled Israel before he did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:31**ULT**

³¹ And it happened (was his walking in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat trivial?) that he took a wife, Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal the king of the Sidonians. And he went and served the Baal and he bowed down to him.

UST

³¹ He committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam did, but he did things that were worse than the things that Jeroboam did. He married a woman named Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of the city of Sidon. Then Ahab started to worship Baal, the god that the Canaan people group worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:32**ULT**

³² And he raised up an altar for the Baal at the house of the Baal that he had built in Samaria.

UST

³² He built a temple in Samaria in order that the Israelite people could worship Baal there, and he put an altar there for making sacrifices to Baal.

Who had built the house of Baal in Samaria?

Ahab had built the house of Baal in Samaria.

1 Kings 16:33**ULT**

³³ And Ahab made the Asherah and Ahab continued to act, to provoke Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger more than all the kings of Israel who were before his face.

UST

³³ He also made an idol that represented Asherah, Baal's wife. He did many more things that caused Yahweh to become angry. He did more evil things than any of the previous kings of Israel had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:34**ULT**

³⁴ In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. For Abiram his firstborn he founded it, and for Segub his younger one he set up its doors, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

UST

³⁴ During the years that Ahab ruled, Hiel, a man from the city of Bethel, rebuilt the city of Jericho. But when he started to rebuild the city, his oldest son Abiram died. And when the city was finished, while Hiel was building the city gates, his youngest son Segub died. They died just as Yahweh had told Joshua would happen to the sons of anyone who would rebuild Jericho.

What caused the loss of Hiel's son Abiram?

Hiel rebuilt Jericho, causing the loss of Abiram.

1 Kings 17

1 Kings 17:1

ULT

¹ And Elijah the Tishbite from the Tishbites of Gilead said to Ahab, "As Yahweh, the God of Israel is alive, before whose face I stand, there will not be dew or rain these years unless by the mouth of my word."

UST

¹ Elijah was a prophet who lived in the city of Tishbe in the region of Gilead. One day he went to King Ahab and said to him, "Yahweh is the God whom we Israelites worship and the God whom I worship and serve. Just as certainly as Yahweh lives, there will be no dew or rain for the next few years, unless I command it to fall."

What ominous message did Elijah give to Ahab?

Elijah told Ahab that as Yahweh lives, there would not be dew or rain unless he said so.

1 Kings 17:2

ULT

² And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,

UST

² Then Yahweh said to Elijah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:3

ULT

³ "Go from this place and turn for yourself eastward. And you will be hidden at the wadi of Kerith, which is on the face of the Jordan.

UST

³ "Because you have made the king angry with you, escape from the king and, go to the east, to the Kerith Brook, east of where it flows into the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:4**ULT**

⁴ And it will happen that you shall drink from the wadi. And I have commanded the ravens to sustain you there.”

UST

⁴ You will be able to drink water from the brook, and you will be able to eat what the crows bring to you, because I have commanded them to bring food to you.”

Who did Yahweh command to feed Elijah while Elijah was at the brook Cherith?

Yahweh commanded the ravens to feed Elijah at the brook Cherith.

1 Kings 17:5**ULT**

⁵ And he went and did according to the word of Yahweh. And he went and dwelled at the wadi of Kerith, which is on the face of the Jordan.

UST

⁵ So Elijah did what Yahweh commanded him to do. He went and camped alongside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:6**ULT**

⁶ And the ravens were bringing bread and meat to him in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening. And he drank from the wadi.

UST

⁶ Crows brought bread and meat to him every morning and every evening, and he drank water from the brook.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:7**ULT**

⁷ And it happened from the end of some days that the wadi dried up because rain was not in the land.

UST

⁷ But after a while, the water in the brook dried up, because rain did not fall anywhere in the land.

What happened when there was no rain in the land?

The brook dried up when there was no rain in the land.

1 Kings 17:8**ULT**

⁸ And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,

UST

⁸ Then Yahweh said to Elijah,

Where did Elijah go after the brook dried up? (vv8-10)

Yahweh sent Elijah to a widow in Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:9**ULT**

⁹ "Rise, go to Zarephath, which is for Sidon, and you shall dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a woman, a widow, there to sustain you."

UST

⁹ "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. There is a widow there who will give you food to eat. I have already told her what to do about that."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he rose and went to Zarephath. And he entered into the opening of the city. And behold, there was a woman, a widow, gathering wood pieces. And he called to her and he said, "Please take to me a little water in the vessel and I will drink."

UST

¹⁰ So Elijah did what God said. He went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow who was gathering sticks. He said to her, "Would you please bring me a cup of water?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ As she went to take, and he called to her, and said, "Please take to me a bit of bread in your hand."

UST

¹¹ While she was going to get it, he called out to her, "Bring me a piece of bread, too!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:12**ULT**

¹² And she said, "As Yahweh your God is alive, there is not for me a bread cake, but only a fullness of a palm of flour in the jar and a little bit of oil in the jug. And behold, I am gathering two wood pieces and I will enter and I make it for me and for my son. And we will eat it and will die."

UST

¹² But she replied, "Your God knows that what I am telling you is true. I do not have even one piece of bread in my house. I have only a handful of flour in a jar, and a little olive oil in a jug. I was gathering a few sticks to use these to make a fire and cook one more meal, and then after my son and I eat that, we will die from hunger."

Why was the widow gathering two sticks?

The widow was gathering two sticks so she could go in and cook for herself and her son, that they could eat, and die.

1 Kings 17:13**ULT**

¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear. Come, do according to your word, only make for me from there a little bread cake at the first and bring it out to me. And make for you and for your son at the later time.

UST

¹³ But Elijah said to her, "Do not be worried! Go home and do what you said that you were going to do. But first, bake me a little loaf of bread and bring it to me. After you do that, take what is left and prepare some food for you and your son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour will not come to an end, and the jug of oil will not lack, until the day Yahweh gives rain on the face of the ground.'"

UST

¹⁴ I know that you will be able to do that, because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says this, 'There will always be plenty of flour and olive oil left in your containers, until the time when I send rain again and the crops grow again!'"

For how long would the widow's jar of meal and jug of oil be full?

They would be full until the day that Yahweh sent rain on the earth.

1 Kings 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And she went and did according to the word of Elijah. And she ate, he and she and her house for days.

UST

¹⁵ So the woman did exactly what Elijah told her to do. And she and her son and Elijah had enough food every day,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The jar of flour did not come to an end, and the jug of oil did not lack, according to the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken by the hand of Elijah.

UST

¹⁶ because the flour in the jar was never finished, and the jug of oil was never empty. That happened just like Yahweh had told Elijah that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And it happened that after these things the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick, and his sickness became very strong until breath did not remain in him.

UST

¹⁷ Some time later, the woman's son became sick. He continued to get worse, and finally he died.

How sick was the woman's son?

The son's sickness was so severe that there was no more breath left in him.

1 Kings 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What is to me and is to you, man of God, that you came to me to cause my iniquity to be remembered and to put my son to death?"

UST

¹⁸ So the woman went to Elijah and said to him, "You are a prophet; so why have you done this to me? Have you come here to punish me for my sins by causing my son to die?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give to me your son." And he took him from her lap and he brought him up to the upper room there where he was dwelling, and he laid him down on his bed.

UST

¹⁹ But Elijah replied, "Give your son to me." So she gave her son to him, and he took the boy's body from her and carried it up the steps to the room where he stayed. He laid the boy's body on his bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ And he cried out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh, my God, will you also cause evil on the widow with whom I am sojourning, by putting her son to death?"

UST

²⁰ Then Elijah cried out to Yahweh, "O Yahweh my God, this widow has kindly allowed me to stay in her home. So why have you brought this tragedy to her and caused her son to die?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:21**ULT**

²¹ And he stretched himself out over the child three times. And he cried out to Yahweh and he said, "Yahweh, my God, please let the life of this child return on his inner part."

UST

²¹ Then Elijah stretched himself on top of the boy's body and called out to Yahweh saying, "Yahweh my God, please allow this boy to become alive again!" He did this three times.

What did Elijah do to save the child?

Elijah stretched himself on the child three times; he cried out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, I beg you, please let this child's life return to him."

1 Kings 17:22**ULT**

²² And Yahweh heard the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child returned on his inner part, and he lived.

UST

²² Yahweh heard what Elijah prayed, and he caused the boy to become alive again.

How did the woman know that Elijah was a man of God? (vv22-23)

The woman knew that Elijah was a man of God when her son revived, and Elijah took the child and brought him out of his room down into the house.

1 Kings 17:23**ULT**

²³ And Elijah took the child and he brought him down from the upper room to the house, and he gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

UST

²³ Elijah carried the boy down the steps and gave him to his mother. He said, "Look, your son is alive!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now this I know, that you are a man of God. And the word of Yahweh in your mouth is truth."

UST

²⁴ The woman said to Elijah, "Now I know for certain that you are a prophet and that the words that you speak are truly from Yahweh!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18

1 Kings 18:1

ULT

¹ And it was many days and the word of Yahweh was to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, appear to Ahab and I will give rain on the face of the ground."

UST

¹ For almost three years there was no rain in Samaria. Then Yahweh said this to Elijah: "Go and meet with King Ahab and tell him that I will soon send rain."

What message did Yahweh ask Elijah to give to Ahab during the severe famine? (vv1-2)

Yahweh asked Elijah to tell Ahab he would send rain on the land.

1 Kings 18:2

ULT

² And Elijah went to appear to Ahab. (Now the famine was strong in Samaria.)

UST

² So Elijah went to talk to Ahab. In Samaria there was almost no food for anyone to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:3

ULT

³ And Ahab called to Obadiah, who was over the house. (Now Obadiah was one who feared Yahweh exceedingly.)

UST

³ There was a man there named Obadiah. He was in charge of the king's palace. He greatly revered Yahweh.

How did Obadiah honor Yahweh when Jezebel was killing the prophets of Yahweh? (vv3-4)

Obadiah honored Yahweh by hiding one hundred prophets by fifties in a cave and feeding them with bread and water.

1 Kings 18:4**ULT**

⁴ And it had happened when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Yahweh, that Obadiah had taken 100 prophets and hid them, 50 men in the cave, and he sustained them with bread and water.)

UST

⁴ One time when Queen Jezebel had tried to kill all Yahweh's prophets, Obadiah hid a hundred of them in two caves. He put fifty prophets in each cave, and he brought food and water to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:5**ULT**

⁵ And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go in the land to all the springs of water and to all the wadis. Perhaps we will find grass and we will keep alive a horse or a mule, and not cut off some of the livestock."

UST

⁵ By this time, the famine had become very severe in Samaria. So Ahab summoned Obadiah and said to him, "We must look near every spring and in every valley to see if we can find enough grass to give to some of my horses and mules, so that they will not all die."

**Why did Ahab and Obadiah go through the land to all the water springs and brooks?
(vv5-6)**

Ahab and Obadiah were searching for water and grass so they would not lose the horses and mules.

1 Kings 18:6**ULT**

⁶ And they divided the land for themselves to pass through it. Ahab went in the one way by himself and Obadiah went in the one way by himself.

UST

⁶ So they both started walking through the land. Obadiah went by himself in one direction, and Ahab went in another direction by himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:7**ULT**

⁷ And it happened that Obadiah was in the road, and behold, Elijah was to meet him. And he recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is this you, my master Elijah?"

UST

⁷ While Obadiah was walking along, he saw Elijah coming toward him. Obadiah recognized Elijah and bowed down in front of him and said, "Is it really you, Elijah, my master?"

What dangerous message did Elijah ask Obadiah to tell Ahab? (vv7-8)

Elijah asked Obadiah to tell Ahab that "Elijah is here."

1 Kings 18:8**ULT**

⁸ And he said to him, "It is I. Go, say to your master, 'Here is Elijah.'"

UST

⁸ Elijah replied, "Yes. Now go and tell Ahab your master that I am here."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:9**ULT**

⁹ And he said, "How have I sinned, that you are giving your servant over into the hand of Ahab, to put me to death?"

UST

⁹ Obadiah objected. He said, "Sir, I have not harmed you at all. So why are you sending me back to Ahab? He will kill me!"

Why was Obadiah reluctant to tell Ahab that "Elijah is here."? (vv9-11)

Obadiah was reluctant to tell Ahab, "Elijah is here." because all the nearby nations had taken an oath that Elijah was not there.

1 Kings 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ As Yahweh your God is alive, if there is a nation or a kingdom there where my master has not sent to seek you, and they said 'he is not here,' then he caused the kingdom or the nation to swear that it did not find you.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh your God knows that I am telling the truth when I solemnly declare that King Ahab has searched in every kingdom to find you. Each time that some king said to him, 'Elijah is not here,' Ahab demanded that the king of that country solemnly swear that the king was telling the truth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:11**ULT**

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¹¹ Now you say to me, 'Go and tell your master that Elijah is here!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:12**ULT**

¹² And it will happen that I myself will go from with you, and the Spirit of Yahweh will lift you to where I will not know. And I will come to tell Ahab and he will not find you and he will slay me. And your servant has been fearing Yahweh from my youth.

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¹² But as soon as I leave you, the Spirit of Yahweh will carry you away, and I will not know where he will take you. So when I tell Ahab that you are here and he comes to me and he does not find you here, he will kill me! But I do not deserve to die because I have revered Yahweh since I was a boy.

What did Obadiah think would happen as soon as he left Elijah?

Obadiah thought the Spirit of Yahweh would carry Elijah some place Obadiah did not know.

1 Kings 18:13**ULT**

¹³ Has it not been told to my master, what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of Yahweh, and I hid from the prophets of Yahweh a hundred men, 50 by 50 men in the cave, and I sustained them with bread and water?

UST

¹³ My master, have you not heard about what I did when Jezebel wanted to kill all of Yahweh's prophets? I hid a hundred of them in two caves and took food and water to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Here is Elijah," and he will slay me.'

UST

¹⁴ Now, sir, you say, 'Go and tell your master that Elijah is here.' But if I do that, and he comes and you are not here, he will kill me!"

What did Elijah tell Obadiah to calm his fears? (vv14-15)

Elijah told Obadiah that as Yahweh lives, he would surely show himself to Ahab that day.

1 Kings 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Elijah said, "As Yahweh of hosts is alive, before whose face I stand, surely today I will appear to him."

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¹⁵ But Elijah replied, "Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the one whom I serve, knows that I am telling the truth as I solemnly declare that I will go to meet with Ahab today."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and he told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

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¹⁶ So Obadiah went to tell Ahab that Elijah had come. Ahab went to meet with him.

What did Ahab call Elijah when he met him? (vv16-17)

Ahab called Elijah a “troublemaker” when he met him.

1 Kings 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And it happened as soon as Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “Are you this one who troubles Israel?”

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¹⁷ When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, the one who causes trouble for the people of Israel?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he said, “I have not troubled Israel, but rather you and the house of your father, by your forsaking the commandments of Yahweh and going after the Baals.

UST

¹⁸ Elijah replied, “It is not I who have caused trouble for the people of Israel! You and your family are the ones who have caused trouble! You have refused to obey Yahweh’s commands, and you have worshiped the idols of Baal instead.

How did Elijah respond to Ahab calling him a “troublemaker”?

Elijah told Ahab that he and his father’s family were the troublemakers because they abandoned the commandments of Yahweh to follow the Baal idols.

1 Kings 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And now send, gather to me all Israel to the mountain of the Carmel, and the 450 prophets of the Baal and the 400 prophets of the Asherah, those who eat of the table of Jezebel."

UST

¹⁹ So now, command all the Israelite people to come to Mount Carmel, and be sure to bring all the 450 prophets who worship Baal and the four hundred prophets who worship the goddess Asherah, the ones to whom your wife Jezebel always invites to eat with her."

Who did Elijah say to gather on Mount Carmel?

Elijah said to gather all the people of Israel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table.

1 Kings 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Ahab sent among all the sons of Israel and he gathered the prophets to the mountain of the Carmel.

UST

²⁰ So Ahab summoned all his prophets and all the other Israelite people to the top of Mount Carmel, and Elijah went up there too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:21**ULT**

²¹ And Elijah came near to all the people and he said, "Until when will you be limping over the two opinions? If Yahweh is God, go after him, but if the Baal, go after him." And the people did not answer him a word.

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²¹ Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How long are you going to be undecided about who is truly God? If Yahweh is God, then worship him. If Baal is truly God, then worship him!" But the people said nothing in reply, because they were afraid of what Jezebel would do to them if they admitted that they worshiped Yahweh.

Who did Elijah tell the people they should follow?

Elijah told the people to follow Yahweh if he was God or Baal if he was God.

1 Kings 18:22**ULT**

²² And Elijah said to the people, "I myself remain a prophet of Yahweh by myself, but the prophets of the Baal are 450 men.

UST

²² Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only true prophet of Yahweh who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets.

What proposal did Elijah bring before the people? (vv22-24)

Elijah proposed that the prophets of Baal and himself each call upon their god to consume the sacrifice of a bull by fire to prove which one was god.

1 Kings 18:23**ULT**

²³ And let them give to us two bulls, and let them choose for themselves the one bull, and let them cut it into pieces. And let them set it on the wood pieces, but a fire they will not set. And as for me I will make the one bull that I will give on the wood pieces, but a fire I will not set.

UST

²³ Bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose the one that they want. They must kill it and cut it into pieces and lay the pieces on the wood that is on the altar that they made. But they must not light a fire under the wood. I will kill the other bull and cut it in pieces and lay the pieces on the altar that I make.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:24**ULT**

²⁴ And you will call on the name of your god, but as for me, I will call on the name of Yahweh. And it will happen that the God who answers with fire, he is God." And all the people answered and they said, "The thing is good."

UST

²⁴ Then they must call to their god, and I will call to Yahweh. The god who answers by lighting a fire to the wood that is on that altar is the true God!" Then all the people thought that Elijah's suggestion was good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Elijah said to the prophets of the Baal, "Choose for yourselves the one bull and make it first, for you are the most abundant. And call on the name of your god, but a fire you will not set."

UST

²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "You call to Baal first, because there are many of you. Choose one of the bulls and prepare it, and then call to your god. But do not light a fire under the wood!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:26**ULT**

²⁶ And they took the bull that he gave to them and they made, and they called on the name of the Baal from the morning and until the midday, saying, "The Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice and there was no answering. And they limped beside the altar that he had made.

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²⁶ So they killed one of the bulls and cut it up and placed the pieces on the altar. Then they called out to Baal all morning. They shouted, "Baal, answer us!" But no one answered. There was no reply at all. Then they danced wildly around the altar that they had made.

How long did the prophets of Baal call on Baal?

The prophets of Baal called on Baal from morning until noon.

1 Kings 18:27**ULT**

²⁷ And it happened at the midday that Elijah mocked them and he said, "Cry out with a great voice, for he is a god. Surely he is musing, or surely moving away for himself, or surely a way is for him. Perhaps he is asleep and he will wake up."

UST

²⁷ About noontime, Elijah started to make fun of them. He said, "Surely Baal is a god, so it seems that you must shout louder! Perhaps he is thinking about something, or perhaps he has gone to the toilet. Or perhaps he is traveling somewhere, or perhaps he is asleep and you need to wake him up!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:28**ULT**

²⁸ And they cried out with a great voice, and they cut themselves, according to their custom, with the swords and with the spears, until a pouring out of blood was on them.

UST

²⁸ So they shouted louder. Then, doing one of the things that they frequently did when they worshiped Baal, they slashed themselves with knives and swords until a lot of blood flowed.

After Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal at noon what did the prophets of Baal do?

The prophets of Baal cried more loudly and cut themselves with swords and spears.

1 Kings 18:29**ULT**

²⁹ And it happened as soon as the midday passed, that they prophesied until the offering up of the grain offering, but there was no voice and there was no answering and there was no attentiveness.

UST

²⁹ They continued calling out to Baal all afternoon. But there was no voice that gave a reply, no answer, no god who paid attention.

How long did the prophets of Baal continue their raving?

The prophets of Baal were raving until the time of the evening sacrifice.

1 Kings 18:30**ULT**

³⁰ And Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the torn down altar of Yahweh.

UST

³⁰ Then Elijah called to the people saying, "Come closer!" So they all crowded around him. Then Elijah repaired the altar of Yahweh that had been ruined by the prophets of Baal.

What did Elijah do to the ruined altar of Yahweh? (vv30-32)

Elijah repaired the altar of Yahweh with twelve stones,

1 Kings 18:31**ULT**

³¹ And Elijah took 12 stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom was the word of Yahweh, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

UST

³¹ Then he took twelve large stones, each one to represent one of the Israelite tribes, whose ancestors were the twelve sons of Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:32**ULT**

³² And he built with the stones an altar in the name of Yahweh. And he made a trench like the house of two seahs of seed surrounding the altar.

UST

³² With these stones he rebuilt Yahweh's altar. Then around the altar he dug a little ditch that was large enough to hold about fifteen liters of water.

What did Elijah make around the altar of Yahweh?

Elijah dug a trench around the altar of Yahweh.

1 Kings 18:33**ULT**

³³ And he arranged the wood pieces. And he cut the bull into pieces and he set it on the wood pieces.

UST

³³ He piled wood on top of the stones. He killed the bull and cut it in pieces. Then he laid the pieces on top of the wood. Then he said, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water on top of the pieces of meat and the wood." So they did that.

What did Elijah have the people do to the wood and the bull for the burnt offering?**(vv33-34)**

Three times Elijah had the people fill four jars with water and pour them on the burnt offering and the wood.

1 Kings 18:34**ULT**

³⁴ And he said, "Fill four jars with water, and pour out on the burnt up offering and on the wood pieces." And he said "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

UST

³⁴ Then he said, "Do the same thing again!" So they did it again. Then he said, "Do it a third time!" So they did it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:35**ULT**

³⁵ And the water went around the altar and even the trench he filled with water.

UST

³⁵ As a result, the water flowed down below the altar and filled the ditches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:36**ULT**

³⁶ And it happened at the offering up of the grain offering, that Elijah the prophet came near and he said, "Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel, and I am your servant, and by your word I have done all these things.

UST

³⁶ When it was time to offer the evening sacrifices, Elijah walked close to the altar and prayed. He said, "Yahweh, you who are the God that our ancestors Abraham and Isaac and Jacob worshiped, prove today that you are the God whom the Israelite people should worship, and prove that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all these things because you told me to do them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:37**ULT**

³⁷ Answer me, Yahweh! Answer me, that this people may know that you, Yahweh, are God, and you have turned around their heart backward."

UST

³⁷ Yahweh, answer me! Answer me in order that these people will know that you, Yahweh, are God and that you have caused them to trust in you again!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:38**ULT**

³⁸ And the fire of Yahweh fell and ate the burnt up offering and the wood pieces and the stones and the dust. And it licked up the water that was in the trench.

UST

³⁸ Immediately a fire from Yahweh flashed down from the sky. The fire burned up the pieces of meat, the wood, the stones, and the dirt that was around the altar. It even dried up all the water in the ditch!

How did the people of Israel respond when the fire of Yahweh fell and consumed the sacrifice and everything around it? (vv38-39)

The people lay face down on the ground and said, "Yahweh, he is God!, Yahweh, he is God!"

1 Kings 18:39**ULT**

³⁹ And all the people saw and they fell on their faces. And they said, "Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!"

UST

³⁹ When the people saw that, they prostrated themselves on the ground and shouted, "Yahweh is God! Yahweh is God!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of the Baal. Do not let a man from them slip away." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the wadi Kishon and he slaughtered them there.

UST

⁴⁰ Then Elijah commanded them, "Seize all the prophets of Baal! Do not allow any of them to escape!" So the people seized all the prophets of Baal, and took them down the mountain to the river Kishon, and Elijah killed them all there.

What did Elijah do with the prophets of Baal?

Elijah brought the prophets of Baal down to the brook of Kishon and killed them.

1 Kings 18:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And Elijah said to Ahab, "Get up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of the roar of the rain."

UST

⁴¹ Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go and get something to eat and drink. But do it quickly, because it is soon going to rain very hard!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:42**ULT**

⁴² And Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the head of the Carmel, and he bent down toward the earth and he put his face between his knees.

UST

⁴² So Ahab and his men left to prepare a big meal. But Elijah went back up to the top of Mount Carmel and prayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:43**ULT**

⁴³ And he said to his young man, "Go up, now, look toward the way of the sea." And he went up and he looked and he said, "There is not anything." And he said, "Return seven times."

UST

⁴³ Then he said to his servant, "Go and look out toward the sea, to see if there are any rain clouds." So his servant went and looked, and came back and said, "I do not see anything." This happened six times.

What did the servant of Elijah see after he looked toward the sea seven times? (vv43-44)

After the seventh time, the servant saw a cloud as small as a man's hand.

1 Kings 18:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And it happened at the seventh time that he said, "Behold, a small cloud like the palm of a man is going up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Harness and go down so the rain will not stop you.'"

UST

⁴⁴ But when the servant went the seventh time, he came back and said, "I saw a very small cloud above the sea. As I extend my arm, the cloud is about the size of my hand." Then Elijah shouted to him, "Go and tell King Ahab to get his chariot ready and go home immediately! If he does not do that, the rain will stop him!"

What did Elijah tell his servant to say to Ahab?

Elijah told his servant to tell Ahab to make ready his chariot and go down before the rain stopped him.

1 Kings 18:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And it happened until here and until there, that the heavens became dark with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

UST

⁴⁵ Very soon the sky was full of black clouds. There was a strong wind, and then it began to rain very hard. Ahab got into his chariot and started to return to the city of Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:46

ULT

⁴⁶ And the hand of Yahweh was to Elijah, and he girded up his loins and he ran before the face of Ahab as far as your coming into Jezreel.

UST

⁴⁶ Yahweh gave extra strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt in order to run fast, and he ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to Jezreel.

What did Elijah do as Ahab rode and went to Jezreel?

Elijah tucked his robe in his belt and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 19

1 Kings 19:1

ULT

¹ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and everthing, that he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

UST

¹ When Ahab got home, he told his wife Jezebel what Elijah had done. He told her that Elijah had killed all the prophets of Baal.

What threat did Jezebel make to Elijah? (vv1-2)

Jezebel told Elijah that she would make him to be one of the dead prophets by the next day.

1 Kings 19:2

ULT

² And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do and so may they add, unless about this time tomorrow I will set your life as the life of one from them."

UST

² So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah, "By this time tomorrow I will have killed you, just like you killed all those prophets of Baal. If I do not do that, I hope the gods will kill me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:3

ULT

³ And he saw and rose and went for his life and he came to Beersheba, which is for Judah. And he caused his young man to rest there.

UST

³ When Elijah received her message, he was afraid. So taking his servant with him, he fled in order that he would not be killed. He went far south to Beersheba, in Judah. He left his servant there.

How did Elijah respond to the threat from Jezebel?

Elijah fled for his life to Beersheba.

1 Kings 19:4**ULT**

⁴ But as for him, he went a road of a day into the wilderness, and he came and sat under one broom shrub. And he requested with respect to his life to die, and he said, "Too much, now, Yahweh; take my life, for I am not better than my fathers."

UST

⁴ Then he went by himself further south into the desert. He walked all day. He sat down under a broom tree and prayed that Yahweh would allow him to die. He said, "Yahweh, I cannot endure anymore. So allow me to die, because for me to live is no better than being with my ancestors who have died."

Why did Elijah request that he might die?

Elijah requested that he might die because he felt he was no better than his dead ancestors.

1 Kings 19:5**ULT**

⁵ And he lay down and slept under one broom shrub. And behold this, an angel was touching him and he said to him, "Get up! Eat!"

UST

⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and slept. But while he was sleeping, an angel touched him and woke him up and said to him, "Get up and eat some food!"

What happened as Elijah was sleeping under a broom tree?

An angel touched Elijah and said to him, "Get up and eat."

1 Kings 19:6**ULT**

⁶ And he looked, and behold, at the place of his head was a bread cake of glowing coals and a jug of water. And he ate and drank and returned and lay down.

UST

⁶ Elijah looked around and saw some bread which had been baked on hot stones, and he also saw a jar of water. So he ate some bread and drank some water and lay down to sleep again.

What did Elijah see and do after the angel touched him?

Elijah saw bread that had been baked on coals and a jug of water. Elijah ate and drank and lay down again.

1 Kings 19:7**ULT**

⁷ And the angel of Yahweh returned a second time and he touched him and he said, "Get up! Eat! For the road will be too much for you."

UST

⁷ Then the angel who had been sent by Yahweh came again and touched him, and said, "Get up and eat some more food, because you need more strength to go on a long journey."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:8**ULT**

⁸ And he rose and ate and drank. And he went in the strength of that food 40 days and 40 nights as far as the mountain of God, Horeb.

UST

⁸ So he got up and ate and drank some more; because he did that, he got enough strength to travel for forty days and nights to Mount Horeb, the mountain that was dedicated to God.

How long did it take Elijah to get to Horeb, the mountain of God?

Elijah traveled forty days and forty nights to Horeb.

1 Kings 19:9**ULT**

⁹ And he entered there into the cave, and he spent the night there. And behold, the word of Yahweh was to him and he said to him, "What is for you here, Elijah?"

UST

⁹ He went into a cave there and slept there that night. The next morning, Yahweh said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?"

How did Elijah respond when Yahweh asked him what he was doing in a cave? (vv9-10)

Elijah told Yahweh that he had been very zealous for him, but the people of Israel had forsaken his covenant, destroyed his altars, and killed his prophets, and he was the only one left.

1 Kings 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he said, "I have been very zealous for Yahweh, the God of hosts, but the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, your altars they have torn down, and your prophets they have slain with the sword. And I am left, I by myself, and they seek my life, to take it."

UST

¹⁰ Elijah replied, "I have zealously served you, Yahweh, commander of angel armies. But the Israelite people have rejected the agreement that they made with you. They have torn down your altars, and they have killed all of your prophets. I am the only one whom they have not killed, and now they are trying to kill me, too. So I am running away from them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the face of Yahweh, and behold, Yahweh is about to pass over!" And a great and strong wind was splitting the mountains and shattering rocks before the face of Yahweh. Yahweh was not in the wind. And after the wind was an earthquake. Yahweh was not in the earthquake.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh said to him, "Go out and stand in front of me on this mountain while I pass by." So Elijah did that. While he was standing there, a strong windstorm struck the mountain. As a result, rocks were loosened from the mountainside. But Yahweh was not in the wind. Then there was an earthquake, but Yahweh was not in the earthquake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:12**ULT**

¹² And after the earthquake was a fire. Yahweh was not in the fire. And after the fire was the voice of a thin whisper.

UST

¹² Then there was a fire, but Yahweh was not in the fire. Then there was a sound like someone whispering quietly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:13**ULT**

¹³ And it happened as soon as Elijah heard, that he wrapped his face in his cloak. And he went out and stood at the opening of the cave. And behold, a voice was to him and it said, "What is for you here, Elijah?"

UST

¹³ When Elijah heard that, he wrapped his cloak around his face. He went out of the cave and stood at its entrance. And he heard Yahweh speaking to him, saying again, "Elijah, why are you here?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he said, "I have been very zealous for Yahweh, the God of hosts, but the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, your altars they have torn down, and your prophets they have slain with the sword. And I am left, I by myself, and they seek my life, to take it."

UST

¹⁴ He replied again, "I have zealously served you, Yahweh, commander of angel armies. But the Israelite people have rejected the agreement that they made with you. They have torn down your altars, and they have killed all of your prophets. I am the only one whom they have not killed, and now they are trying to kill me, too. So I am running away from them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Yahweh said to him, "Go, return to your way toward the wilderness of Damascus. And you shall come and anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

UST

¹⁵ Then Yahweh told him, "Go back to the wilderness near Damascus. When you arrive there anoint with olive oil a man named Hazael, to appoint him to be the king of Aram.

What did Yahweh tell Elijah to do? (vv15-16)

Yahweh told Elijah to return to the wilderness to anoint Hazael to be king over Aram, Jehu to be king over Israel, and Elisha to be a prophet in his place.

1 Kings 19:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And you shall anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place.

UST

¹⁶ Then anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be the king of Israel, and also anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, from the city of Abel Meholah, to become my prophet after you are gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And it will happen that the one who slips away from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will put to death. And the one who slips away from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will put to death.

UST

¹⁷ Hazael's army will kill many people, and those who escape from being killed by his army will be killed by Jehu's army, and those who escape from being killed by Jehu's army will be killed by Elisha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And I have left in Israel 7000 men, all the knees that have not bowed to the Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

UST

¹⁸ But you need to know that there are still seven thousand people in Israel who have never bowed to worship Baal or kissed his idol."

How did Yahweh respond to Elijah's claim that he was the only prophet left in the land?

Yahweh told Elijah there were seven thousand people in Israel who were faithful to him.

1 Kings 19:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he went from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat. And he was plowing with 12 pairs before his face and he was with the 12th. And Elijah passed over to him and he threw his cloak on him.

UST

¹⁹ So Elijah went to Aram and found Elisha as he was plowing a field with a team of oxen. There were eleven other men who were in front of him, plowing with teams of oxen in the same field. Elijah went to Elisha, and took off his own coat and put it on Elisha, to show Elisha that he wanted Elisha to take his place as a prophet. Then he started to walk away.

What excuse did Elisha give to Elijah after he draped his cloak on him? (vv19-20)

Elisha asked Elijah to let him kiss his mother and father before he followed him.

1 Kings 19:20**ULT**

²⁰ And he left the cattle and he ran after Elijah and he said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and let me go after you." And he said to him, "Go, return, for what have I done to you?"

UST

²⁰ Elisha left the oxen standing there and ran after Elijah, and said to him, "I will go with you, but first let me kiss my parents goodbye." Elijah replied, "Very well, go home. But do not forget why I have given my cloak to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:21**ULT**

²¹ And he returned from after him. And he took the pair of cattle and he sacrificed it and with the implements of the cattle he boiled them, the meat. And he gave to the people and they ate. And he rose and went after Elijah and he attended him.

UST

²¹ So Elisha went back home. He killed his oxen and cut them in pieces and used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast the meat. He distributed the meat to the other people in his town, and they all ate some. Then he went with Elijah and became his helper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20

1 Kings 20:1

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¹ Now Ben Hadad the king of Aram gathered all his strength and 32 kings with him, and horse and chariotry. And he went up and laid seige against Samaria and he fought against it.

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¹ Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, gathered all his army, and he brought thirty-two lesser kings to join him with their armies and horses and chariots. They marched to the city of Samaria, the capital of Israel, and surrounded it and prepared to attack it.

What was the message which Ahab received from Ben Hadad when the city of Samaria was under siege? (vv1-2)

Ben Hadad told Ahab that his silver and gold as well as his wives and children were now Ben Hadad's possessions.

1 Kings 20:2

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² And he sent messengers to Ahab the king of Israel at the city.

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² Ben Hadad sent messengers into the city to King Ahab, and they said this to him: "This is what King Ben Hadad says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:3

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³ And he said to him, 'Thus says Ben Hadad, "Your silver and your gold, it is for me. And your wives and your sons, the good ones, they are for me."

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³ 'You must give to me all your silver and gold, your good-looking wives and strongest children.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:4**ULT**

⁴ And the king of Israel answered and said, "According to your word, my master the king, I and all that is for me is for you."

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⁴ The king of Israel replied to them, "Tell this to King Ben Hadad, 'I agree to do what you requested. You can have me and everything that I own.'"

How did Ben Hadad respond to Ahab's willingness to give him his silver, gold, wives, and children? (vv4-6)

Ben Hadad informed Ahab that he was sending his servants the next day, and they would seize with their hands whatever pleased their eyes.

1 Kings 20:5**ULT**

⁵ And the messengers returned and said, "Thus says Ben Hadad, saying, 'Surely I sent to you, saying, your silver and your gold and your wives and your sons you will give to me,

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⁵ The messengers told that to Ben Hadad, and he sent them back with another message: "I sent a message to you saying that you must give me all your silver and gold and your wives and your children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:6**ULT**

⁶ but rather around this time tomorrow I will send my servants to you, and they will search through your house and the houses of your servants. And it will happen that any precious thing of your eyes they will put in their hand and they will take."

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⁶ But in addition to that, about this time tomorrow, I will send some of my officials to search your palace and the houses of your officials, and to bring to me everything that they see is valuable."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:7**ULT**

⁷ And the king of Israel called to all the elders of the land. And he said, "Please know and see that this one is seeking evil, for he has sent to me for my wives and for my sons and for my silver and for my gold, and I have not withheld from him."

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⁷ King Ahab summoned all the leaders of Israel, and said to them, "You can see for yourselves that this man is trying to cause much trouble. He sent me a message insisting that I must give him my wives and my children, my silver and my gold, and I agreed to do that."

What was the advice which the king of Israel received from all the elders of the land and the people? (vv7-8)

The elders of the land and the people told the king not to listen or consent to the demands of Ben Hadad because he was only seeking trouble.

1 Kings 20:8**ULT**

⁸ And all the elders and all the people said to him, "Do not listen and do not consent."

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⁸ The leaders and all the other people said to him, "Do not pay any attention to him! Do not do what he is requesting!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:9**ULT**

⁹ And he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, "Say to my master the king, 'All that you sent to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I am not able to do.'" And the messengers went and returned him word.

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⁹ So Ahab said to Ben Hadad's messengers, "Tell the king that I agree to give him the things that he first requested, but I do not agree to allow his officials to take anything that they want from my palace and from the houses of my officials." So the messengers reported that to King Ben Hadad, and they returned with another message from Ben Hadad.

What was the message Ahab sent back to Ben Hadad?

Ahab told Ben Hadad that he was agreeable to his first demand, but he could not accept his second demand.

1 Kings 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Ben Hadad sent to him and he said, "Thus may gods do to me and thus may they add, if the dust of Samaria will be sufficient for handfuls for all the people who will be at my feet!"

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¹⁰ In that message he said, "We will destroy your city completely, with the result that there will not be enough ashes left for each of my soldiers to have one handful! I hope that the gods will strike me dead if we do not do that!"

What was the response of Ben Hadad to the message of Ahab?

Ben Hadad took an oath that he would reduce Samaria to ashes.

1 Kings 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the king of Israel answered and said, "Speak, 'one about to gird should not boast like one who is ungirding.'"

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¹¹ King Ahab replied to the messengers, "Tell King Ben Hadad this: No one wins a battle before he fights it, so do not boast before you should."

What did Ben Hadad say when the king of Israel told him that he should not boast as if the battle was over? (vv11-12)

Ben Hadad told his soldiers to line up in position to prepare for battle.

1 Kings 20:12**ULT**

¹² And it happened at the hearing of this word as he was drinking, he and the kings in the huts, that he said to his servants, "Set up," and they set up against the city.

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¹² Ben Hadad heard that message while he and the other rulers were drinking wine in their temporary shelters. He told his men to prepare to attack the city. So his men did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:13**ULT**

¹³ And behold, one prophet came near to Ahab the king of Israel and he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Have you seen all of this great crowd? Behold, I am about to give it into your hand today, and you shall know that I am Yahweh.'"

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¹³ At that moment, a prophet came to King Ahab and said to him, "This is what Yahweh says: 'Do not be at all afraid of the large enemy army that you see! I will enable your army to defeat them today, and you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who has done it.'"

Who did Yahweh say would win the battle for Israel against the great army of the Arameans? (vv13-15)

Yahweh told Ahab that the young officers who served the governors of the districts would win the battle for Israel.

1 Kings 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Ahab said, "By whom?" And he said, "Thus says Yahweh, by the young men of the commanders of the provinces." And he said, "Who will tie up the battle?" And he said, "You."

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¹⁴ Ahab asked, "What group of our army will defeat them?" The prophet replied, "The young soldiers whom the district governors command will do it." The king asked, "Who should lead the attack?" The prophet replied, "You should!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he mustered the young men of the commanders of the provinces, and they were 232. And after them he mustered all the people, all the sons of Israel were 7,000.

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¹⁵ So Ahab gathered the young soldiers who were commanded by the district governors. There were 232 of those men. Then he also summoned all the Israelite army. There were only seven thousand soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And they went out at the midday. And Ben Hadad was drinking drunk in the huts, he and the kings, 32 kings who helped him.

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¹⁶ They started to attack at noon, while Ben Hadad and the other rulers were getting drunk in their temporary shelters.

When the young officers who served the governors of the districts went forward first what were Ben Hadad and the thirty-two lesser kings who were supporting him doing? (vv16-17)

Ben Hadad and his thirty-two lesser kings were drinking themselves drunk.

1 Kings 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the young men of the commanders of the provinces went out at the first. And Ben Hadad sent and they told him, saying, "Men have gone out from Samaria."

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¹⁷ The young soldiers advanced first. Some scouts who had been sent out by Ben Hadad reported to him, "There are men coming out of Samaria!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he said, "If they have gone out for peace, seize them alive, and if they have gone out for war, alive seize them."

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¹⁸ He said, "It does not matter whether they are coming to fight against us or to request for peace. Capture them, but do not kill them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And these went out from the city, the young men of the commanders of the provinces and the strength that was behind them.

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¹⁹ The young Israelite soldiers went out of the city to attack the Aramean army, and the other soldiers in the Israelite army followed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:20**ULT**

²⁰ But they struck down, a man his man. And Aram fled and Israel pursued them. And Ben Hadad the king of Aram slipped away on a horse with horsemen.

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²⁰ Each Israelite soldier killed an Aramean soldier. The rest of the Aramean army then ran away, and the Israelite soldiers pursued them. But King Ben Hadad escaped riding his horse, along with some other men riding horses.

What happened to Ben Hadad and the Arameans? (vv20-21)

Ben Hadad escaped on a horse with some horsemen and many of the Arameans were killed in a great slaughter.

1 Kings 20:21**ULT**

²¹ And the king of Israel went out and he struck down the horse and the chariot. And he struck Aram a great blow.

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²¹ Then the king of Israel went out of the city; he and his soldiers captured all the other Aramean horses and chariots, and also killed a large number of Aramean soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:22**ULT**

²² And the prophet came near to the king of Israel and he said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and know and see what you should do, because at the return of the year the king of Aram will be coming up against you."

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²² Then that same prophet went to King Ahab and said to him, "Go back and prepare your soldiers, and think carefully about what will be necessary for you to do, because the king of Aram will attack with his army again in the springtime of next year."

What message did the prophet bring to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the king of Israel that the king of Aram would return against them again, so Israel should strengthen itself and plan what they would do.

1 Kings 20:23**ULT**

²³ And the servants of the king of Aram said to him, "Their gods are gods of the mountains. Therefore they were stronger than us. But indeed let us fight them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than them.

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²³ After the Aramean army was defeated, Ben Hadad's officials said to him, "The gods that the Israelites worship are gods who live in the hills. Samaria is built on a hill, and that is why their soldiers were able to defeat us. But if we fight against them in the plains, we certainly will be able to defeat them.

What did the servants of the king of Aram give as the reason for Israel being stronger in battle than the Arameans?

The servants of the king of Aram told him Israel was stronger than the Arameans, since their god is a god of the hills.

1 Kings 20:24**ULT**

²⁴ And do this thing: remove the kings, a man from his place, and set governors in their places.

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²⁴ So, this is what you should do: You must remove the thirty-two kings who are leading your troops and replace them with army commanders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:25**ULT**

²⁵ And you should assign for yourself strength like the strength that fell from you, and a horse like the horse and a chariot like the chariot, and we will fight them in the plain. Surely will we be stronger than them." And he listened to their voice and did so.

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²⁵ Then gather an army like the army that was defeated. Gather an army that has as many horses and chariots as the first army had. Then we will fight the Israelites in the plains, and we will surely defeat them." Ben Hadad agreed with them, and he did what they suggested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:26**ULT**

²⁶ And it happened at the return of the year, that Ben Hadad mustered Aram. And he went up to Aphek for the battle with Israel.

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²⁶ In the spring of the following year, he gathered his soldiers and marched with them to the city of Aphek east of the Sea of Galilee, to fight against the Israelite army.

What did Ben Hadad do after the beginning of the new year?

Ben Hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.

1 Kings 20:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the sons of Israel had been mustered and were sustained and they went to meet them. And the sons of Israel camped in front of them were like two little flocks of goats, and Aram filled the land.

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²⁷ The Israelite army was also gathered together, and they were given the things that they needed for the battle. Then they marched out and formed two groups facing the Aramean army. Their army was very small. They resembled two small flocks of goats, whereas the Aramean army was very large and spread all over the countryside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:28**ULT**

²⁸ And a man of God came near and said to the king of Israel, and he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because Aram said "Yahweh is a god of mountains, but he is not a god of valleys," I shall give all of this great crowd into your hand, and you shall know that I am Yahweh.'"

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²⁸ A prophet came to King Ahab and said to him, "This is what Yahweh says: 'The Arameans say that I am a god who lives in the hills, and that I am not a god who lives in the valleys. So I will show that they are wrong by enabling your men to defeat this huge army in the valley, and you will know that I, Yahweh, have done it.'"

What did a man of God say to the king of Israel concerning the Arameans?

The man of God said that because the Arameans said God was a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, God was going to place the Aramean army into the hands of the king of Israel.

1 Kings 20:29**ULT**

²⁹ And they camped, these opposite these, seven days. And it happened on the seventh day that the battle approached, and the sons of Israel struck down Aram, 100,000 on foot in one day.

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²⁹ The two armies stayed in their tents for seven days, in groups that faced each other. Then, on the seventh day, they started fighting. The Israelite army killed 100,000 Aramean soldiers.

What was the outcome of the battle between the armies? (vv29-30)

Israel killed one hundred thousand Aramean footmen in one day. The rest fled to Aphek, into the city where a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand men who were left and Ben Hadad fled into the city into an inner room.

1 Kings 20:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the ones who were left fled to Aphek, into the city, and the wall fell on 127,000 men, the ones who were left. And Ben Hadad fled and entered into the city, a room in a room.

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³⁰ The other Aramean soldiers ran away into Aphek. Then the wall of the city collapsed and killed twenty-seven thousand more Aramean soldiers. Ben Hadad also escaped into the city and hid in the back room of a house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:31**ULT**

³¹ And his servants said to him, "Behold, please, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel, that they are kings of mercy. Please let us put sackcloth around our loins and ropes on our heads, and we will go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he may let your life live."

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³¹ His officials went to him and said, "We have heard a report that the Israelites act mercifully. So allow us to go to the king of Israel, wearing coarse sacks around our waists and ropes on our heads to indicate that we will be his slaves. Perhaps if we do that, he will allow you to remain alive."

What did Ben Hadad's servants do for Ben Hadad? (vv31-32)

Ben Hadad's servants put sackcloth on their waists and ropes around their heads and went to the king of Israel and begged the king of Israel to let Ben Hadad live.

1 Kings 20:32**ULT**

³² And they girded on sackcloth around their waists and ropes on their heads and they came to the king of Israel. And they said, "Your servant Ben Hadad says, 'Please let my life live.'" And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

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³² The king permitted them to do that, so they wrapped coarse sacks around their waists and put ropes on their heads, and they went to the king of Israel and said to him, "Ben Hadad, who greatly respects you, says, 'Please do not kill me.'" Ahab replied, "Is he still alive? He is like a brother to me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:33**ULT**

³³ And the men sought an omen and they hurried and accepted whether it was from him. And they said, "Your brother is Ben Hadad." And he said, "Come, bring him!" And Ben Hadad went out to him, and he brought him up on the chariot.

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³³ Ben Hadad's officials were trying to find out if Ahab would act mercifully, and when Ahab said "brother," they were optimistic. So they replied, "Yes, he is like your brother!" Ahab said, "Go and bring him to me." So they went and brought Ben Hadad to him. When Ben Hadad arrived, Ahab told him to get in the chariot and sit with him.

What proposal did Ben Hadad make to Ahab when he was summoned to meet with him in his chariot? (vv33-34)

Ben Hadad told Ahab that he would restore to him the cities which had been taken from Israel if Ahab would let him go.

1 Kings 20:34**ULT**

³⁴ And he said to him, "I will return the cities that my father took from with your father, and the outside you may set up for yourself in Damascus, just as my father set up in Samaria. As for me, by the covenant, I will send you away." And he cut a covenant for him and he sent him away.

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³⁴ Ben Hadad said to him, "I will give back to you the towns that my father's army took from your father. And I will allow you to set up market areas for your merchants in Damascus my capital, just as my father did in Samaria your capital." Ahab replied, "Because you agree to do that, I will not execute you." So Ahab made an agreement with Ben Hadad, and allowed him to go home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:35**ULT**

³⁵ And one man from the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor, "By the word of Yahweh, please strike me." But the man refused to strike him.

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³⁵ Then Yahweh spoke to a member of an association of prophets and told him to request a fellow prophet to strike him. But that man refused to do it.

Why was one of the prophets killed by a lion? (vv35-36)

One of the prophets was killed by a lion because he did not obey the voice of Yahweh by hitting his fellow prophet.

1 Kings 20:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he said to him, "Because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh, behold, you are about to go from with me, and the lion will strike you down." And he went from beside him and the lion found him and struck him down.

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³⁶ So the prophet said to him, "Because you refused to obey what Yahweh told you to do, a lion will kill you as soon as you leave me." And as soon as he left that prophet, a lion suddenly met him and killed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:37**ULT**

³⁷ And he found one man and said, "Please strike me." And the man struck him, striking and wounding.

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³⁷ Then the prophet found another prophet, and said to him, "Strike me!" So that man hit him very hard and injured him.

**How did the prophet disguise himself from the king after he had been hit and wounded?
(vv37-38)**

The prophet disguised himself from the king with a bandage over his eyes.

1 Kings 20:38**ULT**

³⁸ And the prophet went and he stood for the king on the road. And he made himself unrecognizable with the covering over his eyes.

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³⁸ Then the prophet put a large bandage over his face so that no one would recognize him. Then he went and stood alongside the road, waiting for the king to come by.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:39**ULT**

³⁹ And it happened that the king was passing by and he himself cried out to the king. And he said, "Your servant went out in the middle of the battle, and behold, a man turned aside and he brought a man to me. And he said, 'Keep this man. If he is missing at all, then your life will be in place of his life or you must weigh a kikkar of silver.'"

UST

³⁹ When the king passed by, the prophet cried out to him, saying "Your Majesty, after I was wounded while I was fighting in a battle, a soldier brought to me one of our enemies who he had captured, and said to me, 'Guard this man! If he escapes, you must pay me thirty-three kilograms of silver; if you do not pay that, you will be executed!'

Why did the prophet tell a story to the king of Israel? (vv39-40)

The prophet told the story to the king of Israel to deceive him, so the king would make a ruling which would result in the forfeit of the king's own life.

1 Kings 20:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And it happened that your servant was doing here and there, and he was not there." And the king of Israel said to him, "Thus is your judgment, you yourself have decided."

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⁴⁰ But while I was busy doing other things, the man escaped!" The king of Israel said to him, "That is your problem! You yourself have said that you deserve to be punished."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And he hurried and removed the covering from over his eyes. And the king of Israel recognized him, that he was from the prophets.

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⁴¹ The prophet immediately took off the bandage, and the king of Israel recognized that he was one of the prophets.

What bold statement did the prophet make to the king of Israel? (vv41-43)

The prophet told the king that he would lose his own life since he had allowed the man whom Yahweh had sentenced to death to live.

1 Kings 20:42**ULT**

⁴² And he said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because you have sent away a man of complete destruction from hand. And it will be your life in place of his life, and your people in place of his people.'"

UST

⁴² The prophet said to him, "This is what Yahweh says: 'You have allowed that man Ben Hadad to escape after I commanded you to be sure to execute him! Since you did not do that, you will be killed instead. And your army will be destroyed because you allowed some of his army to escape!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:43**ULT**

⁴³ And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and vexed, and he came to Samaria.

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⁴³ The king went back home to Samaria, very angry and depressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21

1 Kings 21:1

ULT

¹ Now it happened after these things that there was a vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which was in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria.

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¹ King Ahab had a palace in the city of Jezreel. Near the palace was a vineyard owned by a man named Naboth.

What did Ahab the king of Samaria want from Naboth the Jezreelite? (vv1-2)

Ahab, king of Samaria, wanted the vineyard from Naboth, which was near his palace.

1 Kings 21:2

ULT

² And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give to me your vineyard, and it will be for me as a garden of herbage, because it is near beside my house. And let me give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If it is good in your eyes, let me give to you silver of the price of this one."

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² One day, Ahab went to Naboth and said to him, "Your vineyard is close to my palace. I would like to buy it, so that I can plant some vegetables there. I will give you in exchange a better vineyard somewhere else, or if you prefer, I will pay you for your vineyard."

What did Ahab offer Naboth for his vineyard?

Ahab offered to give Naboth a better vineyard or to pay him money.

1 Kings 21:3

ULT

³ And Naboth said to Ahab, "Far be it for me from Yahweh, from my giving the inheritance of my fathers to you."

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³ But Naboth replied, "That land belonged to my ancestors, so I want to keep it. I hope that Yahweh will never allow me to give that land to you!"

Why did Naboth refuse to give his vineyard to Ahab?

Naboth refused to give his vineyard to Ahab because it was the inheritance of his ancestors.

1 Kings 21:4**ULT**

⁴ And Ahab entered into his house sullen and vexed on account of the word that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him. And he said, "I will not give to you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and he turned away his face and he did not eat bread.

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⁴ So Ahab became very sullen and angry because of what Naboth had said. He went home and lay down on his bed. He turned his face toward the wall, and he refused to eat anything.

What did Ahab do when Naboth refused to give up his vineyard?

Ahab became resentful and angry, went to bed, and refused to eat any food.

1 Kings 21:5**ULT**

⁵ And Jezebel his wife came to him and she spoke to him, "What is this? Your spirit is sullen and you are not eating bread?"

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⁵ His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so depressed? Why are you refusing to eat anything?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:6**ULT**

⁶ And he spoke to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and I said to him, 'Give your vineyard to me for silver, or if you are desiring, let me give a vineyard to you in its place.' And he said, 'I will not give my vineyard to you.'"

UST

⁶ Ahab replied, "I talked to Naboth, that man from Jezreel. I told him that I wanted his vineyard. I said, 'I will buy it from you, or I will give you another vineyard for it.' But he refused to let me have it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:7**ULT**

⁷ And Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now, you do the kingship over Israel. Get up! Eat bread and let your heart be good! I myself will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

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⁷ His wife replied, "You are the king of Israel, so you can get whatever you want! Get up, and eat some food and do not worry about what Naboth said. I will get Naboth's vineyard for you."

Who told Ahab to get up from bed, eat, and be happy?

Ahab's wife, Jezebel, told him to get out of bed, eat, and be happy.

1 Kings 21:8**ULT**

⁸ And she wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and she sealed them with his seal. And she sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, the ones who dwelled near Naboth.

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⁸ Then Jezebel wrote some letters, and she signed Ahab's name on them. She used his official seal to seal them. Then she sent them to the older leaders and other important men who lived near Naboth and who decided public matters with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:9**ULT**

⁹ And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Call a fast and seat Naboth at the head the people.

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⁹ This is what she wrote in the letters: "Proclaim a day when all the people will gather together and fast. Give to Naboth an important place to sit among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And seat two men, sons of worthlessness, in front of him and let them witness against him, saying, 'You cursed God and the king.' And take him out and stone him and let him die."

UST

¹⁰ Then find two men who always cause trouble. Give them places to sit opposite him. Tell these men to testify that they heard Naboth say things that criticized God and the king. Then take Naboth out of the city and kill him by throwing stones at him."

What did Jezebel do to make sure Ahab would get Naboth's vineyard?

Jezebel had two dishonest men falsely accuse Naboth of blasphemy against God and the king at a public fast.

What would be the penalty for Naboth's blasphemy?

Naboth would be taken out and stoned to death.

1 Kings 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles, who were the ones dwelling in his city, did just as Jezebel had sent to them, just as was written in the letters that she had sent to them.

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¹¹ The leaders received the letters and did what Jezebel had written in the letters for them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:12**ULT**

¹² They called a fast and they seated Naboth at the head of the people.

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¹² They declared a day on which the people would all go without food. And they gave Naboth a seat in a place where honored people sat, in front of the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:13**ULT**

¹³ And the two men, the sons of worthlessness, came and they sat in front of him, and the men of worthlessness witnessed against Naboth in front of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." And they brought him to the outside of the city and they stoned him with the stones and he died.

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¹³ Two men who always caused trouble sat opposite Naboth. While everyone was listening, they stated that they had heard Naboth say things that criticized God and the king. So the people seized Naboth. They took him outside the city and killed him by throwing stones at him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned and he has died."

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¹⁴ Then those leaders sent a message to Jezebel, saying, "We have executed Naboth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And it happened as soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and had died, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Get up! Possess the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give to you for silver, for Naboth is not alive, but he has died!"

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¹⁵ When Jezebel found out that Naboth had been killed, she told Ahab, "Naboth is dead. Now you can go and take possession of the vineyard that he refused to sell to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And it happened as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth had died, that Ahab rose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to possess it.

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¹⁶ When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went to the vineyard to claim that he now owned it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

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¹⁷ Then Yahweh spoke to Elijah the prophet. He said,

Who did Yahweh send to the vineyard to meet Ahab?

Yahweh sent Elijah the Tishbite to the vineyard.

1 Kings 21:18**ULT**

¹⁸ "Get up! Go down to meet Ahab the king of Israel, who is in Samaria. Behold he is in the vineyard of Naboth, there where he has gone down to possess it.

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¹⁸ "Go to Samaria and talk to Ahab, the king of Israel. He is in the vineyard of a man named Naboth. He has gone there to claim that he now owns it.

What did Ahab do when Jezebel told him that Naboth was dead?

When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he went to the vineyard to take possession of it.

1 Kings 21:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And you shall speak to him saying, 'Thus says Yahweh, "Have you murdered and also taken possession?"' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh, "In a place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will lick your blood, even you.'"

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¹⁹ Tell Ahab that this is what I, Yahweh, say to him, 'You have murdered Naboth and taken his land. So I am telling you this. In the same place where Naboth died and dogs came and licked up Naboth's blood, you will die and the dogs will lick up your blood, too!'

What did Elijah tell Ahab would happen to him because of his sin?

Elijah told Ahab that dogs would lick his blood where they had licked the blood of Naboth.

1 Kings 21:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" And he said, "I have found, on account of you having sold yourself by doing the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh.

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²⁰ So when Elijah met with Ahab, Ahab said to him, "You, my enemy, have found me!" Elijah answered, "Yes, I have found you. You have never stopped doing the things that Yahweh says are wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:21**ULT**

²¹ 'Behold, I am about to bring evil on you and I will burn after you, and I will cut off with respect to Ahab one who urinates on a wall, and one who is restrained, and one who is let free in Israel.

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²¹ So this is what Yahweh says to you, 'I will soon get rid of you. I will kill you, and I will also kill every male in your household, including those who are slaves and those who are not slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:22**ULT**

²² And I will give over your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, on account of the anger that you have provoked to anger and you have caused Israel to sin.'

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²² Your family will all be killed, just like the family of King Jeroboam and like the family of King Baasha were killed. I will get rid of you because you have caused me to become very angry, and you have also induced the Israelite people to sin.'

What message did Elijah deliver to Ahab from Yahweh?

Elijah told Ahab that Yahweh said that he would be cut off from every male child and slave and free man in Israel because he had led Israel to sin.

1 Kings 21:23**ULT**

²³ And also with respect to Jezebel Yahweh has spoken, saying, 'The dogs will eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel.'

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²³ Yahweh has also told me that your wife Jezebel will be killed, and dogs in Jezreel will eat her body.

What would happen to Jezebel?

The dogs would eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

1 Kings 21:24**ULT**

²⁴ The one of Ahab who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat. And the one who dies in the field, the bird of the heavens shall eat."

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²⁴ The dead bodies of the members of your family who die in this city will not be buried. They will be eaten by dogs, and the bodies of those who die in the fields will be eaten by vultures."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:25**ULT**

²⁵ Surely there was not one like Ahab, who sold himself by doing the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh, he whom Jezebel his wife incited.

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²⁵ There was no man who gave himself as completely to do things that Yahweh said were evil like Ahab did. But his wife Jezebel urged him to do many of those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:26**ULT**

²⁶ And he acted very abominably by walking after the idols, like all that the Amorite had done, whom Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel.

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²⁶ The most disgusting thing that Ahab did was to worship idols, just like the Amor people group had done. And that is why Yahweh took their land from them and gave it to the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:27**ULT**

²⁷ And it happened as soon as Ahab heard these words, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth over his flesh and he fasted. And he lay down in the sackcloth and he walked softly.

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²⁷ After Elijah finished talking to Ahab, Ahab tore his clothes to show that he was sorry for all the sins that he had committed. He put on rough clothes that were made from sacks, and he refused to eat anything. He even wore those rough clothes made from sacks when he slept, to show that he was sorry.

What did Ahab do when he heard these words?

Ahab tore his clothes, put on sackcloth on his body, and fasted.

1 Kings 21:28**ULT**

²⁸ And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

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²⁸ Then Yahweh said this to Elijah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:29**ULT**

²⁹ "Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself from before my face? Because he has humbled himself from my face, I will not bring the evil thing in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the evil thing on his house."

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²⁹ "I have seen that Ahab is now very sorry for all the evil things that he has done. So the things that I promised to do to his family will not happen while he is still alive. I will cause them to happen after his son becomes king. Then those things will happen to his family."

What did Yahweh do when Ahab humbled himself before him?

Yahweh said that he would not bring this disaster in Ahab's day, but would do it in his son's day.

1 Kings 22

1 Kings 22:1

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¹ And they dwelled three years; there was no war between Aram and Israel.

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¹ For almost three years there was no war between Aram and Israel.

How long was there no war between Aram and Israel?

For three years there had been no war between Aram and Israel.

1 Kings 22:2

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² And it happened in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to the king of Israel.

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² Then King Jehoshaphat, who ruled Judah, went to visit King Ahab, who ruled Israel.

Who was the king of Judah?

The king of Judah was Jehoshaphat.

1 Kings 22:3

ULT

³ And the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramoth Gilead is for us, but we are staying inactive from taking it from the hand of the king of Aram?"

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³ While they were talking, Ahab said to his officials, "Do you realize that the Arameans are still occupying our city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead? And we are doing nothing to retake that city!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:4**ULT**

⁴ And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to war at Ramoth Gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Like me, like you. Like my people, like your people. Like my horses, like your horses."

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⁴ Then he turned toward Jehoshaphat and asked, "Will your army join my army to fight against the people of Ramoth and retake that city?" Jehoshaphat replied, "Certainly! I will do whatever you want, and you may command my troops. You may take my horses into battle, also."

What did the king of Israel ask Jehoshaphat to do with him?

The king of Israel asked Jehoshaphat to go to Ramoth Gilead and make war on the king of Aram.

1 Kings 22:5**ULT**

⁵ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please seek the word of Yahweh at today."

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⁵ Then he added, "But we should ask Yahweh first, to find out what he wants us to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:6**ULT**

⁶ And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about 400 men, and he said to them, "Should I go against Ramoth Gilead to war, or should I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for my Lord will give into the hand of the king."

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⁶ So Ahab summoned about four hundred of his prophets together, and he asked them, "Should my army go to fight the people in Ramoth and retake that city, or not?" They answered, "Yes, go and attack them, because God will enable your army to defeat them."

Who did the king of Israel call together to seek the will of Yahweh in this matter?

The king of Israel gathered the prophets, 400 men, and asked them about making war on Aram.

1 Kings 22:7**ULT**

⁷ And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there still no prophet of Yahweh here so we may seek from him?"

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⁷ But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no other prophet of Yahweh here whom we can ask?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:8**ULT**

⁸ And the king of Israel responded to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man for seeking Yahweh from him, but I myself hate him because he does not prophesy good on my account, but rather evil: Micaiah the son of Imlah." And Jehoshaphat said, "The king should not say so."

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⁸ The king of Israel replied, "There is one other man we can ask. His name is Micaiah son of Imlah. But I hate him, because when he prophesies he never says that anything good will happen to me. He always predicts that bad things will happen to me." Jehoshaphat replied, "King Ahab, you should not say that!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:9**ULT**

⁹ And the king of Israel called to one eunuch. And he said, "Get quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah."

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⁹ So the king of Israel told one of his officers to summon Micaiah immediately.

From what other prophet did the king of Israel seek advice?

The king of Israel called upon Micaiah the son of Imiah.

1 Kings 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting, a man on his throne, clothed with garments, by the threshing floor at the opening of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets were prophesying before their faces.

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¹⁰ The king of Israel and the king of Judah were both wearing their royal robes and sitting on thrones at a gate in the city wall of Samaria. Many prophets were speaking messages to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah made horns of iron for him, and he said, "Thus says Yahweh: 'With these you shall gore Aram until their finishing.'"

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¹¹ One of them, whose name was Zedekiah son of Kenaanah, had made from iron something that resembled horns of a bull. Then he proclaimed to Ahab, "This is what Yahweh says, 'With horns like these your army will keep attacking the Arameans as a bull attacks another animal, until you completely destroy them!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:12**ULT**

¹² And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and be successful, and Yahweh will give into the hand of the king."

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¹² All the other prophets of Ahab agreed. They said, "Yes! If you go up to attack Ramoth in Gilead, you will be successful, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat them!"

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones before the prophets, what was the prophesy they heard?

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones, all the prophets said to them that they should attack Ramoth Gilead and win.

1 Kings 22:13**ULT**

¹³ And the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, please, the words of the prophets as one mouth are good for the king. Please let your word be like the one word from them and speak good."

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¹³ Meanwhile, the messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, "Listen to me! All the other prophets are predicting that the king's army will defeat the Arameans. So be sure that you agree with them and say what will be favorable."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Micaiah said, "As Yahweh is alive, surely what Yahweh will say to me, it I will speak."

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¹⁴ But Micaiah replied, "As surely as Yahweh lives, I will tell Ahab only what Yahweh tells me to say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Micaiah, should we go to Ramoth Gilead to war, or should we refrain?" And he said to him, "Go up and be successful, and Yahweh will give into the hand of the king."

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¹⁵ When Micaiah came to Ahab, Ahab asked him, "Micaiah, should we go to fight against the people of Ramoth, or not?" Micaiah replied, "Of course you should go! Yahweh will enable your army to defeat them!"

Was Micaiah in agreement with all the other prophets?

Yes, Micaiah was in agreement with all the other prophets.

1 Kings 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the king said to him, "Up to how many times must I cause you to swear that you would not speak concerning me except truth in the name of Yahweh?"

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¹⁶ But King Ahab realized that Micaiah was being sarcastic, so he said to Micaiah, "I have told you many times that you must always tell only the truth when you say what Yahweh has revealed to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he said, "I saw all Israel scattered to the mountains, like a flock when there is not a shepherd for them. And Yahweh said, 'There are no masters for these. Let them return, a man to his house, in peace.'"

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¹⁷ So Micaiah said to him, "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.'"

What bad news did Micaiah tell the king of Israel?

Micaiah told the king of Israel that they would have no shepherd and would be scattered.

1 Kings 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not say to you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but rather evil?"

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¹⁸ Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "I told you that he never predicts that anything good will happen to me! He always predicts that bad things will happen to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he said, "Therefore hear the word of Yahweh: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the host of the heavens standing beside him from his right and from his left.

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¹⁹ 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 surrounding him, on his right side and on his left side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Yahweh said, 'Who will deceive Ahab, so he may go up and may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' And this one said, "In this way," and this one was saying, "In this way."

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²⁰ And Yahweh said, 'Who can persuade Ahab 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:21**ULT**

²¹ And the spirit went out, and he stood before the face of Yahweh. And he said, 'I myself will deceive him.' And Yahweh said to him, 'By what means?'

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²¹ Finally one spirit came to Yahweh and said, 'I will deceive him!'

**How did Micaiah tell the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead?
(vv21-23)**

Micaiah told the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead by the lies his prophets would tell him.

1 Kings 22:22**ULT**

²² And he said, 'I will go out and I will be a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You may deceive and also you will be able. Go out and do so.'

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²² Yahweh asked him, 'How will you do it?' 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!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:23**ULT**

²³ And now, behold, Yahweh has given a spirit of falsehood into the mouth of all these prophets of yours. And Yahweh has spoken evil against you."

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²³ So now I tell you that Yahweh has let all of your prophets lie to you. Yahweh has decided that something terrible will happen to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah came near, and he struck Micaiah on the cheek. And he said, "How is this, the Spirit of Yahweh has passed over from with me to speak with you?"

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²⁴ 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.)

1 Kings 22:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Micaiah said, "Behold, you are about to see on that day when you enter a room in a room to hide yourself."

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²⁵ 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 troops!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah and return him to Amon, the commander of the city, and to Joash, the son of the king.

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²⁶ King Ahab commanded his soldiers, "Seize Micaiah and take him to Amon, the governor of this city, and to my son Joash.

What did the king of Israel order to be done to Micaiah? (vv26-27)

The king of Israel ordered that Micaiah be seized and put in prison and be fed only a little bread and water until the king of Israel returned safely.

1 Kings 22:27**ULT**

²⁷ And you shall say, 'Thus says the king, "Put this one in the house of imprisonment and feed him bread of oppression and water of oppression, until my coming in peace."

UST

²⁷ 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!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Micaiah said, "If indeed you return in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me." And he said, "Listen, peoples, all of them."

UST

²⁸ 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!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:29**ULT**

²⁹ And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.

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²⁹ So the king of Israel and the king of Judah led their armies to Ramoth in Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will cause myself to be unrecognizable and come into the battle, but you wear your garments." And the king of Israel caused himself to be unrecognizable and he came into the battle.

UST

³⁰ 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 Ahab disguised himself, and they both went into the battle.

What did the king of Israel do to avoid capture in the battle at Ramoth Gilead?

The king of Israel disguised himself to avoid capture at Ramoth Gilead.

1 Kings 22:31**ULT**

³¹ Now the king of Aram had commanded the commanders of the chariotry, which were 32 for him, saying, "You shall not fight with a small one or with a great one, but rather with the king of Israel by himself."

UST

³¹ The King of Aram had said to his thirty-two men who were driving the chariots, "Attack only the king of Israel!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:32**ULT**

³² And it happened as soon as the commanders of the chariotry saw Jehoshaphat, that they themselves said, "Surely he is the king of Israel." And they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

UST

³² So when the men who were driving the Aramean chariots saw Jehoshaphat wearing the royal robes, they pursued him. They shouted, "There is the king of Israel!" But when Jehoshaphat cried out,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:33**ULT**

³³ And it happened as soon as the commanders of the chariotry saw that he was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from after him.

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³³ they realized that he was not the king of Israel. So they stopped pursuing him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:34**ULT**

³⁴ But a man drew with the bow in his innocence and he struck the king of Israel between the joints and the body armor. And he said to his charioteer, "Turn your hand and bring me out from the camp, for I am wounded."

UST

³⁴ But one Aramean soldier shot an arrow at Ahab, without knowing that it was Ahab. 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!"

How did Ahab receive a serious wound at the battle of Ramoth Gilead?

A soldier of Aram shot his bow at random and it struck Ahab between the joints of his armor.

1 Kings 22:35**ULT**

³⁵ And the battle went up on that day and the king was being stood up in the chariot opposite Aram. And he died in the evening and the blood of the wound poured out to the bosom of the chariot.

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³⁵ The battle continued all the day. Ahab was sitting propped up in his chariot, facing the Aramean troops. The blood from his wound ran down to the floor of the chariot. And late in the afternoon he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:36**ULT**

³⁶ Then the cry passed through in the camp about the going of the sun, saying, "A man to his city and a man to his land!"

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³⁶ Just as the sun was going down, someone among the Israelite troops shouted, "The battle is ended! Everyone should return home!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:37**ULT**

³⁷ And the king died and came to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria.

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³⁷ So King Ahab died, and they took his body in the chariot to Samaria and buried his body there.

Where was Ahab buried?

Ahab was buried in Samaria.

1 Kings 22:38**ULT**

³⁸ And one rinsed the chariot beside the pool of Samaria. And the dogs licked his blood, and the prostitutes bathed, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken.

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³⁸ They washed his chariot alongside the pool in Samaria, a pool where the prostitutes bathed. And dogs came and licked the king's blood, just like Yahweh had predicted would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:39**ULT**

³⁹ And the remainder of the matters of Ahab and all that he did, and the house of ivory that he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

³⁹ The account of the other things that happened while Ahab was ruling, and about the palace decorated with much ivory that they built for him, and the cities that were built for him, was written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And Ahab lay down with his fathers. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

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⁴⁰ When Ahab died, his body was buried where his ancestors were buried. Then his son Ahaziah became king.

Who became king at the death of Ahab?

His son Ahaziah became king of Israel.

1 Kings 22:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned over Judah in year four of Ahab the king of Israel.

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⁴¹ Before King Ahab died, when he had been ruling in Israel for four years, Asa's son Jehoshaphat started to rule in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:42**ULT**

⁴² Jehoshaphat was a son of 35 years when he reigned, and he reigned 25 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

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⁴² Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-five years. His mother was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

How long did Jehoshaphat reign in Jerusalem?

Jehoshaphat reigned in Jerusalem for twenty-five years.

1 Kings 22:43**ULT**

⁴³ And he walked in every way of Asa his father, he did not turn away from it, to do the upright thing in the eyes of Yahweh. However the high places they did not remove. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

UST

⁴³ Jehoshaphat was a good king, just like his father Asa had been. He did things that pleased Yahweh. But while he was king, he did not remove all the pagan altars that had been built upon the hills. So the people continued to offer sacrifices to idols on those altars and burned incense there.

What was said about the reign of Jehoshaphat?

It was said that Jehoshaphat did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

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⁴⁴ Jehoshaphat also made a peace treaty with the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And the remainder of the matters of Jehoshaphat, and his mighty things that he did, and how he fought, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

⁴⁵ All the other things that happened while Jehoshaphat was ruling, and the great things that he did and the victories his troops won, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And the remainder of the cultic prostitutes who were left in the days of Asa his father, he burned from the land.

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⁴⁶ Jehoshaphat removed from the land the male prostitutes that still lived in that region. These were same the male prostitutes who had lived there in the time of his father Asa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ And there was not a king in Edom, a stationed one was king.

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⁴⁷ At that time, there was no king in Edom. A ruler who had been appointed by Jehoshaphat ruled there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but he did not go because ships were broken at Ezion Geber.

UST

⁴⁸ Jehoshaphat ordered some Israelite men to build a fleet of ships to sail south to the region of Ophir to get gold. But they were wrecked at Ezion Geber, so the ships never sailed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat was not willing.

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⁴⁹ Before the ships were wrecked, Ahab's son Ahaziah suggested to Jehoshaphat, "Allow my sailors to go with your sailors," but Jehoshaphat refused.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ And Jehoshaphat lay down with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

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⁵⁰ When Jehoshaphat died, his body was buried where his ancestors were buried in Jerusalem, the city where King David had ruled. Then Jehoshaphat's son Jehoram became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:51**ULT**

⁵¹ Ahaziah the son of Ahab reigned over Israel in Samaria in year 17 of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.

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⁵¹ Before King Jehoshaphat died, when he had been ruling in Judah for seventeen years, Ahab's son Ahaziah began to rule in Israel. Ahaziah ruled in Samaria for two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:52**ULT**

⁵² And he did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

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⁵² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, doing the evil things that his father and mother had done and the evil things that Jeroboam had done—the king who had induced all the Israelite people to sin by worshiping idols.

What was said about the reign of Ahab?

It was said that Ahab did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:53

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⁵³ And he served the Baal and he bowed down to him. And he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger, according to all that his father had done.

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⁵³ Ahaziah bowed in front of Baal's idol and worshiped it. That caused Yahweh, the God who is the true God of the Israelite people as well as all the world, to become very angry, just as Ahaziah's father had caused Yahweh to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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