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2 Kings

2 Kings 1

2 Kings 1:1

ULT

¹ Now Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:2

ULT

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

UST

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

How was Ahaziah injured?

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

2 Kings 1:3**ULT**

³ But the messenger of Yahweh spoke to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it on account of there being no God in Israel you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:4**ULT**

⁴ Now therefore thus says Yahweh, "The bed on which you have gone up there, you will not come down from it, for surely you will die." Then Elijah left.

UST

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

Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?

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

2 Kings 1:5**ULT**

⁵ When the messengers returned to him, then he said to them, "What is this, you have come back?"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:6**ULT**

⁶ Then they said to him, "A man came up to meet us and he said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and you must speak to him, "Thus says Yahweh: 'Is it on account of there being no God in Israel you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore the bed that you have gone upon there, you will not go down from it, for you will surely die.'""

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:7**ULT**

⁷ So he spoke to them, "What was the manner of the man who came up to meet you and he spoke to you these words?"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:8**ULT**

⁸ Then they replied to him, "A man, a possessor of hair, and a waist cloth of hide was belted around his sides." So he said, "He is Elijah, the Tishbite."

UST

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

What did Elijah wear?

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

2 Kings 1:9**ULT**

⁹ Then he sent to him a prince of 50 along with his 50, and he went up to him. Now here he was sitting on the top of the hill and he spoke to him, "O man of the true God, the king has spoken, 'You must come down.'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ However Elijah answered and he spoke to the prince of the 50, "Now if I am a man of God, let fire come down from the heavens, that it may consume you and your 50." Then fire came down from the heavens and it consumed him and his 50.

UST

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

What consumed the captain and his fifty men?

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

2 Kings 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ So he repeated and he sent to him another prince of 50 and his 50, and he responded and he spoke to him, "Man of the true God, thus says the king, 'Quickly! You must come down!'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:12**ULT**

¹² But Elijah answered and he spoke to them, "If I am a man of the true God, let fire come down from the heavens, that it may consume you and your 50." So the fire of God came down from the heavens and it consumed him and his 50.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Still he repeated and he sent a prince of 50 a third time and his 50. So he went up, and the third prince of 50 came and he bowed low on his knees in view of Elijah, and he made repeated supplication to him and he spoke to him, "Man of the true God, please may my life and the life of these 50 servants of yours be precious in your eyes.

UST

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

How did the third captain approach Elijah?

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

2 Kings 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Look, fire came down from the heavens and it consumed the first two princes of the 50 along with their fifties, but now may my life be precious in your eyes."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the angel of Yahweh spoke to Elijah, "Go down with him. Do not be afraid of his presence." So he rose up and he went down with him to the king.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then he spoke to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'By reason that you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, was it on account of there being no God in Israel to inquire about his word? Therefore, the bed that you have gone upon there, you will not come down from it, for you will surely die.'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So he died according to the word of Yahweh that Elijah had spoken. Then Joram reigned in his place, in the second year of Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, because there was no son for him.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 1:18

ULT

18 As for the rest of the matters concerning Ahaziah that he had done, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2

2 Kings 2:1

ULT

¹ Now it happened when Yahweh was about to take up Elijah by the whirlwind to the heavens, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

UST

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

When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?

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

2 Kings 2:2

ULT

² Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me even further to Bethel." However Elisha replied, "As Yahweh is alive, and as you yourself are alive, surely I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:3**ULT**

³ Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and they said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh is taking away your master away from over your head today?" So he replied, "Indeed, I myself know. You all keep quiet."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Next Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me to Jericho." But he replied, "As Yahweh is alive, and as you yourself are alive, surely I will not leave you." So they came in to Jericho.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho came to Elisha and they said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh is taking away your master from over your head today?" So he replied, "Indeed I myself know. You all keep quiet!"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:6**ULT**

⁶ Next Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me to the Jordan." However he replied, "As Yahweh is alive, and as you yourself are alive, surely I will not leave you." So the two of them went.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:7**ULT**

⁷ Now, 50 men of the sons of the prophets went and they stood at a standpoint opposite from a distance while the two of them stood along the Jordan.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle, and he folded, and he struck the waters and they were divided here and there. So the two of them crossed over on the dry ground.

UST

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

Why did the river divide on both sides?

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

2 Kings 2:9**ULT**

⁹ Now it happened at their crossing over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I should do for you before I will be taken away from with you." So Elisha replied, "Indeed, please may a double portion of your spirit be with me."

UST

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

For what did Elisha ask?

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

2 Kings 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So he replied, "You have shown tenacity by asking. If you see me being taken away from beside you, so it will happen for you, but if not, it will not happen."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now it happened they were walking, going along and speaking, when look, a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and they caused a separation between the two of them. Then Elijah went up in a whirlwind into the heavens.

UST

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

How did Elijah go up into heaven?

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:12**ULT**

¹² Then Elisha was looking and he was crying out, "My father, my father, the chariotry of Israel and its horsemen!" But he did not see him any longer, so he took hold of his garments and he tore them into two pieces.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:13**ULT**

¹³ Then he picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from upon him, and he turned back and he stood along the edge of the Jordan.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from upon him and he struck the waters and he said, "Where is Yahweh, the God of Elijah, indeed, he?" When he struck the waters, then they were divided in half, here and there, so Elisha crossed over.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ When the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho saw him from afar, then they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha!" So they came to meet him, and they bowed themselves to the ground to him.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then they said to him, "Look, please, there are 50 men, sons of strength, with your servants. Please, let them go, so they may search for your master, in case the Spirit of Yahweh has carried him and he has thrown him on one of the mountains or in one of the valleys." However he replied, "Do not send forth."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But they pressed upon him until shaming, so he said, "Send forth!" Then they sent 50 men, and they searched three days, but they did not find him.

UST

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

For how long did the fifty men look for Elijah?

The fifty men looked for three days.

2 Kings 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then they returned to him while he was staying in Jericho, and he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'you should not go?'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please, look the site of the city is good, just as my master is seeing, but the waters are worthless and the land is unfruitful."

UST

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

What was the problem at Jericho?

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

2 Kings 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ So he replied, "Take for me a new small jug and put some salt in there," so they took it to him.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:21**ULT**

²¹ Then he went out to the source of the waters and he threw some salt in there. Then he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'I have brought healing to these waters. There will not be death or being unfruitful from there any longer.'"

UST

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

How was the water healed? (vv21-22)

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

2 Kings 2:22**ULT**

²² So the waters are healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:23**ULT**

²³ Then he went up from there to Bethel, and he was going up along the road, when some young boys came out from the city. Now they were making fun of him among themselves. Then they said to him, "Go up, bald one! Go up, bald one!"

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ So he turned behind him and he saw them, and he cursed them in the name of Yahweh. Then two female bears came out from the forrest and they tore up 42 of the boys among them.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:25**ULT**

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3

2 Kings 3:1

ULT

¹ Now Joram, the son of Ahab, became king over Israel in Samaria in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, and he reigned 12 years.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:2

ULT

² He also did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, only not as his father or as his mother, for he removed the standing stone of the Baal that his father had made.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 3:3

ULT

³ However he held fast to the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not turn away from it.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:4**ULT**

⁴ Now Mesha, the king of Moab, was a breeder of sheep, and he would bring back to the king of Israel 100,000 young rams and 100,000 rams with much wool.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:5**ULT**

⁵ Now it happened after the death of Ahab, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:6**ULT**

⁶ So the King, Joram, came out of Samaria on that day and he mobilized all Israel.

UST

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

Why did King Joram leave Samaria?

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

2 Kings 3:7**ULT**

⁷ Then he went and he sent to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to Moab to the battle?" and he replied, "I will go up. Truly I will as you will, as my people will so your people will, as my horses will, so will your horses."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:8**ULT**

⁸ Then he said, "Where is this, the way we should go up?" and he replied, "The way of the wilderness of Edom."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:9**ULT**

⁹ So the king of Israel went along with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they wandered about on a journey for seven days, but there was no water for the army or for the cattle that were at their feet.

UST

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

What three armies marched in a semicircle for seven days?

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

2 Kings 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then the king of Israel said, "Alas, for Yahweh has called for these three kings in order to give them into the hand of Moab!"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a prophet of Yahweh, that we might seek Yahweh by him?" Then one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and he said, "Elisha, the son of Shaphat is here, who has poured waters on the hands of Elijah."

UST

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

What had Elisha done for Elijah?

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

2 Kings 3:12**ULT**

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What do I have that is for you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother." However the king of Israel said to him, "No, for Yahweh has called for these three kings in order to give them into the hand of Moab."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But Elisha said, "As Yahweh of hosts is alive, whom I stand in his presence, surely except that I am respecting the presence of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, I would not pay attention to you, or I would even look at you.

UST

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

Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?

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

2 Kings 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But now bring someone who plays a stringed instrument to me." Now it was when the one playing a stringed instrument played, the hand of Yahweh came upon him.

UST

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

When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?

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

2 Kings 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'This dry river valley will function as cisterns, cisterns.'

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For thus says Yahweh, 'You will not see wind, and you will not see rain, but this dry river valley will be filled with waters, so that you may drink, you and your flocks, and your herds.'

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Indeed, this is an easy thing in the eyes of Yahweh, so he will give Moab into your hand.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Therefore you will attack every fortified city and every choice city. Also every good tree you will make fall, and all springs of waters you will stop up, and all of the good portion of land you will mar with stones."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now it happened in the morning at the offering up of the sacrifice, that, look, waters were coming from the way of Edom and the land was filled with the waters.

UST

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

When was the country filled with water?

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

2 Kings 3:21**ULT**

²¹ Then all Moab heard that the kings had gone up to fight against them. So they were mobilized out of all girding on a warrior belt and upwards, and they stood along the border.

UST

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

Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?

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

2 Kings 3:22**ULT**

²² Now they rose up early in the morning and the sun shone on the waters. When Moab looked from the other side the waters were red like the blood.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 3:23**ULT**

²³ So they said, "This is blood! The kings have surely been destroyed, and each man has struck down his comrade. So now, Moab, to the spoil!"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ When they came to the camp of Israel, then Israel rose up and they struck Moab. Then they fled away from their presence but they came into it, in order to strike Moab.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then they would tear down the cities, and every good portion each man would throw down his stone so they would fill it. Also they would stop up every spring of waters and they would make every good tree fall. As far as at the Kir Hareseth each allowed its stones to remain, but the slingers surrounded and they struck it.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ When the king of Moab saw that the battle had grown stronger than him, then he took with him 700 men wielding a sword in order to break through to the king of Edom, but they were not able.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then he took his son, the first-born who would have reigned in his place, and he offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall. As a result there was great wrath against Israel, so they journeyed away from him and they returned to the land.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4

2 Kings 4:1

ULT

¹ Now a woman, one of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant, my husband, has died, and you yourself know that your servant was a fearer of Yahweh. Now the money lender has come to take two of my children for himself as slaves."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:2

ULT

² So Elisha said to her, "What should I do for you? Tell to me, what is there for you in the house?" Then she replied, "There is nothing for your maidservant at all in the house, except for a flask of oil."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:3

ULT

³ Then he said, "Go, ask for vessels for yourself from the outside, from all of your neighbors, empty vessels. You should not collect a few.

UST

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

From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

2 Kings 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Then you should go in and you should shut the door behind you and behind your sons, and you should pour into all those vessels. Then the full ones you should set aside.”

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:5**ULT**

⁵ So she went away from being with him and she shut the door behind her and behind her sons. They were bringing to her, and she continued pouring.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:6**ULT**

⁶ Now it happened after the filling of the vessels that she said to her son, “Bring to me another vessel.” But he replied to her, “There is not another vessel.” Then the oil stopped.

UST

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

When did the oil stop flowing?

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

2 Kings 4:7**ULT**

⁷ Then she came and she reported to the man of God. So he replied, "Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, so you along with your sons, you can live on the rest."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:8**ULT**

⁸ Now the day came when Elisha passed over to Shunem and there was a prominent woman. Then she prevailed upon him to eat bread. So it would happen whenever he passed by, he would turn in to there in order to eat bread.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:9**ULT**

⁹ Then she said to her husband, "Look, please, I know that he is a holy man of God always passing by us.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Please, let us make a little upper chamber in a wall and we will set up for him there a bed, and a table, and a chair, and a lampstand, so it will be upon his coming to us he may turn in to there."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now the day happened when he came to there, and he turned in to the upper chamber and he took rest in there.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:12**ULT**

¹² Then he said to Gehazi his young man, "Call for this Shunammite woman." So he called for her, and she stood in his presence.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:13**ULT**

¹³ Then he said to him, "Please, say to her, 'Look, you have worked tirelessly on our behalf by all this trouble. What is there to do for you, to speak on your behalf to the king or to the prince of the army?'" But she replied, "I am staying in the midst of my people."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So he said, "Then, what to do for her?" So Gehazi replied, "Actually, there is not a son for her, and her husband is old."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then he said, "Call for her," and he called for her. Then she stood at the entrance.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then he said, "At this appointed time, at the very time, revived, you will be embracing a son." However she replied, "No, my master, the man of God, do not lie to your bondservant."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So the woman became pregnant and she brought forth a son at this appointed time, at that very time, revived, that Elisha had spoken to her.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When the boy had grown, then the day happened that he went out to his father, to the harvesters.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then he said to his father, "My head, my head." So he said to the young man, "Carry him to his mother."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ So he carried him and he brought him to his mother. Then he sat on her knees until high noon when he died.

UST

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

Where did the child sit until he died?

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

2 Kings 4:21**ULT**

²¹ So she got up and she laid him on the bed of the man of God. Then she shut him in, and she went out.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:22**ULT**

²² Then she called to her husband, and she said, "Please send to me one of the young men and one of the donkeys so that I may rush to the man of God and I may return."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:23**ULT**

²³ Then he said, "Why are you going to him today? It is not a new moon nor a Sabbath." However she replied, "Peace."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then she saddled the donkey and she said to her young man, "Lead on and go! Do not hold back on account of me to ride except if I order to you."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:25**ULT**

²⁵ So she went and she came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. Now it happened upon the man of God seeing her from afar that he said to Gehazi his young man, "Here is this Shunammite woman.

UST

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

Where was the man of God?

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

2 Kings 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ Now please run to meet her and say to her, 'Is there tranquility for you? Is there tranquility for your husband? Is there tranquility for the boy?'" Then she replied, "Peace."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:27**ULT**

²⁷ When she came to the man of God, to the mountain, then she held on to his feet. Then Gehazi approached in order to push her away but the man of God said, "Let loose of her, for her temperament is bitter for her, however Yahweh has concealed from me, and he has revealed nothing to me."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then she said, "Did I ask for a son by the help of my master? Did I not say, 'Do not give me a false hope?'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:29**ULT**

²⁹ So he said to Gehazi, "Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand, then go. Even if you should find anyone, you should not bless him, and if anyone should bless you, do not answer him. Then you should set my staff on the face of the young man."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then the mother of the young man said, "As Yahweh is alive and as you yourself are alive, if ever I would leave you." So he rose up and he went after her.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:31**ULT**

³¹ Now Gehazi passed by ahead of them and he set the staff on the face of the young man, but there was not a sound nor was there attentiveness. So he returned to meet him and he told to him saying, "The young man has not awakened."

UST

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

What did Gehazi lay on the child's face?

He laid the staff on the child's face.

2 Kings 4:32**ULT**

³² When Elisha came in to the house, then here, the young man was dead, laid on his bed.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:33**ULT**

³³ So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them, and he prayed to Yahweh.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:34**ULT**

³⁴ Then he went up and he lay on the boy, and he put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his palms on his palms. Then he prostrated himself over him, and grew warm the flesh of the boy.

UST

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

How did the boy's body grow warm?

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

2 Kings 4:35**ULT**

³⁵ Then he returned and he walked around the house once here and once there. Then he went up and he prostrated himself on him. Next the young man sneezed, even seven times, and the young man opened his eyes!

UST

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

What did the child do before he opened his eyes?

The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes.

2 Kings 4:36**ULT**

³⁶ So he called to Gehazi and he said, "Call to this Shunammite woman!" So he called her. When she came to him, then he said, "Take up your son."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:37**ULT**

³⁷ When she came in, indeed she fell down at his feet and she bowed down to the ground. Then she took up her son and she went out.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:38**ULT**

³⁸ Then Elisha returned to the Gilgal area. Now a famine was in the land, and the sons of the prophets were sitting in his presence. Then he said to his young man, "Set the large pot on the fire and boil soup for the sons of the prophets."

UST

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

Who gathered wild gourds? (vv38-39)

One of the sons of the prophets gathered wild gourds.

2 Kings 4:39**ULT**

³⁹ Now one went out into the field in order to gather herbs, and he found a vine in a field. So he gathered from it a wild cucumber out of a field, the fullness of his garment. Then he came in and he sliced up into the pot of soup, for they did not know.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ So they poured out for the men to eat. Now it happened when they were eating of the stew, that they cried out and they said, "Death is in the pot, O Man of God!" So they were not able to eat.

UST

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

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

Elisha threw some flour into the pot.

2 Kings 4:41**ULT**

⁴¹ So he said, "Now bring some flour," and he threw into the pot. Then he said, "Pour out for the people, so that they will eat," and there was not anything harmful in the pot.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:42**ULT**

⁴² Now a man came from Baal Shalishah and he brought to the man of God bread, firstfruits, 20 loaves of barley bread and produce in his sack. Then he said, "Give to the people so they will eat."

UST

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

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

One hundred people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread.

2 Kings 4:43**ULT**

⁴³ However the one serving him said, "How do I set this in the presence of 100 men?" But he replied, "Give to the people, so they will eat, for thus says Yahweh, 'Eat and have some leftover.'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ So he set in their presence and they ate and they had some leftover, according to the word of Yahweh.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5

2 Kings 5:1

ULT

¹ Now Naaman, the prince of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man in the presence of his master, and he was lifted up in countenance, because through him Yahweh had given deliverance to Aram. Also the man was mighty in strength although he had been stricken with leprosy.

UST

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

What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?

Yahweh had given victory to Aram.

2 Kings 5:2

ULT

² Now Aram had gone out in raids and they had taken captive from the land of Israel a young little girl. Then she was in the presence of the wife of Naaman.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:3

ULT

³ Then she said to her powerful woman, "O that my master was in the presence of the prophet who is in Samaria, since he would restore him of his leprosy."

UST

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

Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?

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

2 Kings 5:4**ULT**

⁴ So he came in and he reported to his master, saying “the young girl who is from the land of Israel had spoken as such and as such.”

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:5**ULT**

⁵ So the king of Aram said, “Go, go on, and let me send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he went and he took in his hand ten rounds of silver and 6,000 in gold, along with ten changes of garments.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:6**ULT**

⁶ So he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, “So now when this letter comes to you, look, I have sent to you Naaman, my servant, that you may restore him from his leprosy.”

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

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

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

2 Kings 5:7**ULT**

⁷ Now it happened when the king of Israel was reading the letter, that he tore his garments and he said, "Am I God, by killing and by making alive, that this one is sending to me in order to restore a man from his leprosy? For surely please know and see that he is seeking to provoke a quarrel against me."

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

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

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

2 Kings 5:8**ULT**

⁸ So it happened upon Elisha, the man of God, hearing that the king of Israel had torn his garments, that he sent to the king saying, "Why have you torn your garments? Please, let him come to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:9**ULT**

⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and he stood at the entrance of the house of Elisha.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and you must wash in the Jordan seven times, that your flesh may return to you, then be clean.

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

What was Naaman told to do to be clean?

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

2 Kings 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Naaman became angry so he went away and he said, "Look, I said to myself surely he would come out and he would stand and he would call on the name of Yahweh his God, and he would wave his hand to the place so he would restore the leprosy.

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

How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?

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

2 Kings 5:12**ULT**

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:13**ULT**

¹³ Then his servants approached and they spoke to him and they said, "My father, had the prophet pronounced for you some great thing, would you not have acted? Now, how much rather that he said to you, 'Wash and be clean?'"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So he went down and he dipped in the Jordan seven times, in accordance with the word of the man of God. Then his flesh turned back as flesh of a young little boy, and he was clean.

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

Like what was Naaman's flesh restored?

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

2 Kings 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all of his company, and he came and he stood in his presence. Now he said, "Look, please, I know that there is no God in all the earth except only in Israel. So now, please receive a blessing even along with your servant."

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

After Naaman was healed, what did he know?

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

2 Kings 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But he replied, "As Yahweh is living, whom I stand in his presence, I would not take anything. Then he pressed upon him to receive but he refused.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So Naaman said, "Although not, please may a load of soil from a team of mules be given to your servant, for your servant will not make a burnt offering or a sacrifice to other gods any longer, but only to Yahweh.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ In this matter Yahweh will grant forgiveness to your servant, when my master is coming into the house of Rimmon to order to worship in there, and he is leaning himself on my hand so that I might bow myself down in the house of Rimmon, when I am bowing myself down in the house of Rimmon, please may Yahweh grant forgiveness to your servant in this matter."

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

For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?

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

2 Kings 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then he replied to him, "Go in peace." So he went away from him some distance of land.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Gehazi, the young man of Elisha, the man of God, said, "Look, my master has held back Naaman, this Aramean, from taking from his hand what he had brought. As Yahweh is living, surely if I ran after him then I would take something from him."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:21**ULT**

²¹ So Gehazi pursued after Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, then he dismounted from upon the chariot in order to meet him. Then he said, "Is there peace?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:22**ULT**

²² Then he said, "There is peace. My master has sent me, saying, 'Look, now this, two young men from the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give to them a round of silver and two changes of garments.'"

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

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

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

2 Kings 5:23**ULT**

²³ Then Naaman replied, "I am pleased! Take two rounds." So he pressed upon him and he bound two rounds in silver in two bags, along with two changes of garments. Then he gave to two of his young men, and they carried in his presence.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:24**ULT**

²⁴ When he came in to the fortress, then he took from their hand and he deposited in the house. Then he sent the men away, and they went.

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

What did Gehazi hide in the house?

He hid the bags of silver in the house.

2 Kings 5:25**ULT**

²⁵ When he came in and he stood beside his master, then Elisha said to him, "From where has Gehazi come?" But he replied, "Your servant has not gone here nor there."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go at the same time when a man turned from upon his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to take the silver and to take garments, or olives and vineyards, or sheep and cattle, or male servants and maid servants?"

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

What happened because Gehazi lied? (vv26-27)

Because Gehazi lied, he became a leper.

2 Kings 5:27**ULT**

²⁷ So the leprosy of Naaman will cling upon you and upon your seed for ever." So he went out from his presence, one stricken with leprosy, as the snow.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6

2 Kings 6:1

ULT

¹ Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, please, the place where we are living there in your presence is too cramped for us.

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:2

ULT

² Please let us go as far as the Jordan, and let each man take one beam from there, and let us make for ourselves there a place to dwell there." So he replied, "Go ahead."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:3

ULT

³ Then the one said, "Be willing, please, and go with your servants." So he replied, "I myself will go."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:4**ULT**

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:5**ULT**

⁵ Now it happened while the one was felling the beam, that the blade of the iron tool fell into the waters. So he cried out and he said, "Alas, my master, for it was borrowed!"

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

Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

2 Kings 6:6**ULT**

⁶ Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" So he showed him the place. Then he chopped off a branch, and he threw to there, and the iron tool floated over.

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

How did Elisha make iron float?

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

2 Kings 6:7**ULT**

⁷ Then he said, "Lift up to yourself." So he stretched out his hand and he took it.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:8**ULT**

⁸ Now the king of Aram, he was battling with Israel. So he consulted together with his servants, saying, "My camp will be at a certain place as such."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:9**ULT**

⁹ So the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Be careful of passing by that place, for there Aram is descending."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had said to him and he warned him. So he was guarded there not once and not twice.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ As a result the heart of the king of Aram became furious about this thing, so he called to his servants and he said to them, "Will you not tell to me who of those among us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:12**ULT**

¹² So one of his servants replied, "None, my master, O king, but Elisha the prophet who is in Israel tells to the king of Israel the things that you speak in the room containing your bed!"

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:13**ULT**

¹³ So he replied, "Go and see where he is so I might send out and I might seize him." Then it was told to him, saying, "Look, in Dothan."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So he sent out to there horses and chariotry, along with a heavy army, and they came by night and they encircled around the city.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now the one attending the man of God had started early to rise so he went out and here was an army surrounding the city along with horse and chariot. So his young man said to him, "Alas, my master! What will we do?"

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

Why was Elisha's servant worried?

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

2 Kings 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So he replied, "Do not fear, for more numerous are those with us than those with them."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and he said, "Yahweh, please open his eyes that he will see." So Yahweh opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. Now here, the mountain was full of horses and a chariot of fire encircling around Elisha!

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then they came down to him, so Elisha prayed to Yahweh and he said, "Please, strike this nation with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, in accordance with the word of Elisha.

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and neither is this the city. Walk after me, and let me bring you to the man whom you are seeking." Then he led them to Samaria.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now it happened upon their coming into Samaria, that Elisha said, "Yahweh, open the eyes of these ones that they may see." So Yahweh opened their eyes and they saw, and look, in the midst of Samaria.

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

Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?

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

2 Kings 6:21**ULT**

²¹ Then the king of Israel said to Elisha, upon his seeing them, "Should I strike? Should I strike, my father?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:22**ULT**

²² Then he replied, "You must not strike down. If these you had taken captive with your sword and with your bow, would you strike down? Put bread and water in their presence, that they may eat and they may drink, and they may go to their master."

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:23**ULT**

²³ Then he prepared a great feast for them, and they ate and they drank. Then he sent away, and they went to their master, and the raiding bands of Aram did not continue any longer to come into the land of Israel.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ Now it happened after this that Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, assembled all of his camp and they came up and they layed seige to Samaria.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ Also there was a great famine in Samaria, and look, they were besieging around it until a head of a donkey was being sold for 80 silver rounds, and the fourth part of the qav measure in dung of doves in exchange for five silver rounds.

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then it happened when the king of Israel was passing by along the wall, that a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my master, O king."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ So he replied, "If Yahweh does not intend to help you, from where could I bring help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then the king said to her, "What is happening to you?" So she replied, "This woman said to me, 'Give up your son, so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'"

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:29**ULT**

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:30**ULT**

³⁰ Now it happened upon the king hearing the words of the woman, that he tore his garments as he was passing by on the wall. When the people looked, now here was sackcloth against his flesh, from inside.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:31**ULT**

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

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

Who did the king blame for the famine?

He blamed Elisha.

2 Kings 6:32**ULT**

³² However Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him when he sent a man from before his presence. Even before the messenger would come to him, then he said to the elders, "Do you see that this son of a murderer has sent to take off my head? Look, as the messenger is coming, shut the door, and you should push him back with the door. Is there not the sound of the feet of his master behind him?"

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:33**ULT**

³³ While he was still speaking with them, then here was the messenger coming down to him. Then he said, "Look, this evil is from Yahweh. Why should I wait for Yahweh any longer?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7

2 Kings 7:1

ULT

¹ However Elisha said, "Hear the word of Yahweh. Thus says Yahweh: 'About this time tomorrow a seah measure of fine flour will be for a shekel, and two seah measures of barley grains will be for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:2

ULT

² Then the third officer, who was on the side of the king, on his hand he had been depending, answered the man of God, and he said, "Look, even if Yahweh was making latticed openings in the heavens, would this thing happen?" So he replied, "Though you are about to see with your eyes, but from there you will not eat."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:3**ULT**

³ Now there were four men stricken with leprosy at the entrance of the gate, and they said, one man to his companion, "Why should we sit here until we have died?"

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:4**ULT**

⁴ If we said we should go into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we will die there. But if we sat here, then we would die. So now, come, let us fall into the camp of Aram. If they keep us alive, we will live, but if not, they will kill us, and we will die."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:5**ULT**

⁵ So they rose up at the evening twilight in order to go into the camp of Aram. When they arrived at the edge of the camp of Aram, then look, not anyone was there.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:6**ULT**

⁶ For Adonai had made the camp of Aram hear a sound of a chariot, a sound of a horse, a sound of a great army. So they said, each man to his brother, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to come against us."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:7**ULT**

⁷ So they had risen up and they fled in the twilight. Thus they had abandoned their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, the camp just as it was, and they fled for their lives.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:8**ULT**

⁸ When these who were stricken with leprosy came in as far as the edge of the camp, then they went in to one tent and they ate and they drank. Then they carried away from there silver, and gold, and garments, and they went and they hid. Then they came back and they came in to another tent and they carried away from there and they went and they hid.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:9**ULT**

⁹ Then they said, each man to his companion, "It is not right we are doing. This day, it is a day of good news, but we are keeping quiet. So should we wait until the light of the morning, then punishment will find us. So, now, go and let us come in and let us tell the house of the king."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So they went in and they called to the gatekeeper of the city. Then they declared to them, saying, "We came in to the camp of Aram. But look, not anyone was there, nor the sound of a man, but only the horse was tied, and the donkey was tied, and the tents just as they were."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ So the gatekeepers cried out, then they told the house of the king inside.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:12**ULT**

¹² Now the king arose at night and he said to his servants, "Please, let me tell to you what Aram has done to us. They know that we are hungry, so they have gone out of the camp in order to hide themselves in the countryside, saying, 'When they go forth from the city, then we will capture them alive, so we may go into the city.'"

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:13**ULT**

¹³ Yet one of his servants answered and he said, "Now, please, let us take five of the remaining horses, that were left in it. Look, they are like all the population of Israel who are left in it. Look, they are like all the population of Israel who are finished. So let us send that we may see."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So they took two chariot horses, and the king sent after the camp of Aram, saying, "Go and see."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So they went after them as far as the Jordan, and look, all the road was full of garments and implements that Aram had cast away in their hurried alarm. Then the messengers returned and they explained to the king.

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

Of what was the road full?

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

2 Kings 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So the people went out and they plundered the camp of Aram. Then it happened, a seah measure of fine flour for a shekel, and two sheah measures of barley grains for a shekel, according to the word of Yahweh.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now the king had appointed the third officer on whom he had been depending on his hand over the gate, but the people trampled him in the gate. As a result he died, just as the man of God had spoken, when he spoke when the king had come down to him.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So it happened as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two seah measures of barley for a shekel, and a seah measure of fine flour for a shekel, it will happen about this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria,"

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ when the third officer had answered the man of God and he had said, "Look, even if Yahweh was making latticed openings in the heavens, would this thing happen?" Then he had said, "Look, you are going to see with your eyes, but from there you will not eat."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ So thus it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and as a result he died.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8

2 Kings 8:1

ULT

¹ Now Elisha spoke to the woman who he had restored to life her son, saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay at wherever you can stay, because Yahweh has called for a famine and moreover it will come to this land seven years."

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

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

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

2 Kings 8:2

ULT

² So the woman arose and she did according to the word of the man of God. So she went, she along with her household, and she sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:3

ULT

³ Now it happened at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. Then she went forth to cry out to the king on behalf of her household and for her land.

UST

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

Why did the woman go to the king?

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

2 Kings 8:4**ULT**

⁴ Now the king was speaking to Gehazi the young man of the man of God, saying, "Please tell to me all the great things that Elisha has done."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:5**ULT**

⁵ So it happened as he was telling to the king that he had restored the dead to life, and here was the woman who he had restored her son to life, crying out to the king on behalf of her household and about her field. Then Gehazi said, "My master, O King, this is the woman, and this is her son, who Elisha restored to life."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 8:6**ULT**

⁶ So the king asked directly to the woman and she recounted to him. So the king granted for her one eunuch, saying, "Return back everything that belongs to her and all the production income of the field from the day she left the land even until now."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:7**ULT**

⁷ Now Elisha came to Damascus when Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, was sick. Then it was told to him, saying, "The man of God has come to here."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:8**ULT**

⁸ So the king said to Hazael, "Take a gift in your hand, and go to meet the man of God. Then you must inquire of Yahweh through him, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:9**ULT**

⁹ So Hazael went to meet him and he took a gift in his hand, even every good thing of Damascus, a burden of 40 camels. Then he came in and he stood in his presence and he said, "Your son Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

UST

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

What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?

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

2 Kings 8:10**ULT**

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then he held his face still and he stayed put to the point of shaming, and the man of God wept.

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

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

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

2 Kings 8:12**ULT**

¹² So Hazael responded, "Why is my master weeping?" Then he replied, "Because I know that you will do evil to the sons of Israel. Their fortifications you will send into the fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword. Also their infants you will hack to pieces, and their pregnant women you will split into pieces."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:13**ULT**

¹³ However Hazael said, "But what is your servant, the dog, that he should do this great thing? Then Elisha replied, "Yahweh has shown me you will be king over Aram."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then he went away from with Elisha and he came to his master. Then he said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" So he replied, "He said to me surely you will recover."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now it happened even the next day that he took the covering and he dipped in the waters, and he spread over his face so that he died. Thus Hazael became king in his place.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Now in year five of Joram, the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, when Jehoshapat was king of Judah, Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He was a son of 32 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Now he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did, for the daughter of Ahab was for him as wife. Indeed, he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

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

Who was Jehoram's wife?

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.

2 Kings 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ However, Yahweh did not want to annihilate Judah, for the sake of David his servant, just as he had said to him, in order to give to him a lamp through his sons all the days.

UST

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

Why did Yahweh not want to destroy Judah?

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

2 Kings 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ In his days, Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, and they seated a king to reign over themselves.

UST

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

When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?

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

2 Kings 8:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Jehoram crossed over to Zair along with all the chariotry with him. Now it happened he himself rose by night, and he struck Edom, who was encircling around him and the princes of the chariotry. But the people fled to their tents.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:22**ULT**

²² Thus Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah rebelled at that time.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:23**ULT**

²³ Now the rest of the matters of Jehoram, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:24**ULT**

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ During the year of year 12 of Joram, the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:26**ULT**

²⁶ Ahaziah was a son of 22 years upon his becoming king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri, the king of Israel.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:27**ULT**

²⁷ Now he walked in the way of the house of Ahab and he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, as the house of Ahab, for he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 8:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then he went with Joram, the son of Ahab, to battle against Hazael, the king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead, but Arameans struck Joram.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:29**ULT**

²⁹ So Joram the king returned in order to heal himself in Jezreel from the wounds that Arameans had struck him at Ramah, in his fighting against Hazael, the king of Aram. So Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, went down to see Joram, the son of Ahab, in Jezreel because he was wounded.

UST

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

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

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

2 Kings 9

2 Kings 9:1

ULT

¹ Now Elisha the prophet called to one of the sons of the prophets and he said to him, "Gird up your loins and take this flask of oil in your hand and go to Ramoth Gilead.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:2

ULT

² When you have come in to there, then look there for Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. Then you must go in and you must make him rise up from the midst of his brothers. Then you must bring him to a room within a room.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:3

ULT

³ Then you must take the flask of oil and you must pour out over his head and you must say, 'Thus says Yahweh: "I have anointed you as king over Israel."' Then you must open the door, and you must flee. So you must not tarry."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:4**ULT**

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

UST

⁴ So the young prophet went to Ramoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:5**ULT**

⁵ Then he came in and look, the princes of the army were sitting. So he said, "A message to me concerning you, O prince." Then Jehu replied, "To whom among all of us?" Then he said, "To you, O prince."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:6**ULT**

⁶ So he rose up and he came in to the house, and he poured out the oil over his head. Then he said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'I have anointed you as king over the people of Yahweh, over Israel.'

UST

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

Who poured the oil on Jehu's head?

The prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head.

2 Kings 9:7**ULT**

⁷ Indeed, you must strike down the house of Ahab, your master, that I may avenge the bloods of my servants, the prophets, and the bloods of all the servants of Yahweh, by the hand of Jezebel.

UST

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

How could Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?

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

2 Kings 9:8**ULT**

⁸ For all of the house of Ahab will perish, and I will exterminate from Ahab anyone who urinates on a wall, so he is shut off and is abandoned in Israel.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:9**ULT**

⁹ Thus I will give up the house of Ahab as the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and as the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then the dogs will eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, but there will be no burying.” Then he opened the door and he fled.

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

What was going to happen to Jezebel?

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

2 Kings 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Jehu came out to the servants of his lords, and he said to him, “Is there peace? Why did this one who is mad come to you?” Then he replied to them, “You know the man and his babbling.”

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:12**ULT**

¹² However they said, “A lie! Please tell to us.” So he replied, “He said like this and like that to me, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh: “I have anointed you as king over Israel.”’”

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:13**ULT**

¹³ So they hurried and they took, each one his garment and they set beneath him at the top of the steps. Then they blew with the shofar and they said, "Jehu has become king."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, plotted together against Joram. Now Joram was guarding in Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, from the face of Hazael, the king of Aram.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ However Joram the king had returned in order to get healed in Jezreel of the wounds that Arameans had stricken, when he was fighting with Hazael, the king of Aram. So Jehu said, "If it is your mindset, let not an escapee go out of the city, in order to go to report in Jezreel."

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

Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?

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

2 Kings 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So Jehu rode and he went to Jezreel because Joram was resting over there. Now Ahaziah, the king of Judah, had gone down to see Joram.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu at his coming. Then he said, "I am seeing a great company." So Joram said, "Take a rider, and send out to meet them and say, 'Is there peace?'"

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

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

The watchman saw the messenger ride with Jehu.

2 Kings 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So the rider of the horse went to meet him and he said, "Thus says the king: 'Is there peace?'" Then Jehu replied, "What is there for you and for peace? Turn around to follow after me." Then the watchman informed, saying, "The messenger has come to them, but he has not returned."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ So he sent out a second rider of a horse, and he came to them and he said, "Thus says the king: 'Peace.'" Then Jehu replied, "What is there for you and for peace? Turn around to follow after me."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ So the watchman informed, saying, "He has come up to them, but he has not returned, and the driving is as the driving of Jehu, the son of Nimshi, for with madness he drives."

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

How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?

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

2 Kings 9:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Joram said, "Get harnessed." So he harnessed his chariot, and Joram, the king of Israel and Ahaziah, the king of Judah, went forth, each man in his chariot, thus they went forth to meet Jehu. Then they found him at the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:22**ULT**

²² Now it happened upon Joram seeing Jehu, that he said, "Is there peace, Jehu?" Then he replied, "What is the peace, as long as continues the fornications of Jezebel, your mother, and her many sorceries?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:23**ULT**

²³ So Joram turned his hands and he fled, and he said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then Jehu filled his hand with the bow and he struck Joram between his arms and the arrow went out from his heart. Then he sank down in his chariot.

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

What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?

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

2 Kings 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then he said to Bidkar, his third man, "Pick up and throw him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For remember myself and you together riding as teams after Ahab his father, when Yahweh raised this utterance against him:

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ 'Certainly, have I not seen the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons yesterday, declaration of Yahweh, indeed I will repay to you in this portion, declaration of Yahweh. Therefore, now, pick up and throw him in the portion, according to the word of Yahweh.'

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ When Ahaziah, the king of Judah, saw then he fled the way of the house of the garden. But Jehu pursued after him, and he said, "Also strike him down in the chariot along the ascent of Gur, which is near Ibleam." Thus he fled to Megiddo but he died there.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then his servants carried him by chariot to Jerusalem and they buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David.

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:29**ULT**

²⁹ Now during the year of the 11th year of Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:30**ULT**

³⁰ When Jehu came to Jezreel, then Jezebel heard. So she applied her eyes with mineral powder, and she made her head beautiful, and she looked down through the window.

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

What happened when Jehu came to Jezreel?

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

2 Kings 9:31**ULT**

³¹ As Jehu came in the gate, then she said, "Is there peace, Zimri, murderer of his master?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:32**ULT**

³² So he lifted up his face to the window and he said, "Who is with me? Who?" Then two, three eunuchs looked down towards him.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:33**ULT**

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

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

Who threw Jezebel down?

Some eunuchs threw Jezebel down.

2 Kings 9:34**ULT**

³⁴ Then he went in, and he ate and he drank, and he said, "Please attend to this cursed woman and bury her, for a daughter of a king is she."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:35**ULT**

³⁵ So they went to bury her, but they did not find any of her except only the skull, and the feet, and the palms of the hands.

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

Why could no one bury Jezebel?

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

2 Kings 9:36**ULT**

³⁶ So they returned and they reported to him, and he said, "The word of Yahweh it is, that he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'In the portion of Jezreel the dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel,

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:37

ULT

³⁷ and the remains of Jezebel will be as dung on the surfaces of the field in the portion of Jezreel, that they will not say, "This is Jezebel."""

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10

2 Kings 10:1

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¹ Now Ahab had 70 sons in Samaria. Meanwhile Jehu wrote letters that he sent to Samaria, to the princes of Jezreel, the elders and to the attendants for Ahab, saying,

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:2

ULT

² "So, now, at the coming of this letter to you, and with you are the sons of your masters, and with you are the chariot and the horses, and a fortified city and the war equipment,

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:3

ULT

³ so consider the best and the upright among the sons of your masters and you should install on the throne of his father, and fight on behalf of the house of your masters."

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:4**ULT**

⁴ But they were exceedingly exceedingly afraid, and they said, "Look, the two kings did not stand before his face. So how will we stand ourselves?"

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:5**ULT**

⁵ Then he who was over the house, and who was over the city, and the elders, and the attendants sent to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants, and all that you say to us we will do. We will not make anyone king. Do what is good in your eyes."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:6**ULT**

⁶ Then he wrote a second letter to them, saying, "If you are for me, and you are heeding to my voice, take the heads of the men of the sons of your masters and come to me at this time tomorrow to Jezreel." Now the sons of the king, 70 men, were with the nobles of the city, who were raising them.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:7**ULT**

⁷ Now it happened at the coming of the letter to them, that they took the sons of the king and they slaughtered 70 men, and they put their heads in the baskets, and they sent to him at Jezreel.

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the messenger came and he reported to him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the sons of the king." So he replied, "Put them in two piles at the entrance of the gate until the morning."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:9**ULT**

⁹ Now it happened in the morning that he went out and he stood up, and he said to all the people, "You are righteous. Look, I myself conspired against my master and I killed him, but who slaughtered all these?"

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Know then, that nothing falls from the word of Yahweh to the ground that Yahweh has spoken concerning the house of Ahab, for Yahweh has done what he spoke through the hand of his servant Elijah.”

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ So Jehu struck down all who were left of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his important ones, and who were acquainted with him, and his priests, until that he did not let a survivor remain for him.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:12**ULT**

¹² Then he arose and he came in and he went to Samaria. He was at Beth Eked of the shepherds along the way,

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:13**ULT**

¹³ when Jehu found the brothers of Ahaziah, the king of Judah. So he said, "Who are you?" Then they replied, "We are the brothers of Ahaziah, and we have come down regarding the welfare of the sons of the king and the sons of the mighty lady."

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

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

He met and killed forty-two.

2 Kings 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So he said, "Capture them alive!" So they captured them alive and they slaughtered them near the well of Beth Eked, 42 men; and he did not leave a man among them.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then he went from there, and he found Jehonadab, the son of Recab, coming to meet him. So he blessed him and he said to him, "Is it sincere with your heart, just as my heart is with your heart?" So Jehonadab replied, "It is." "Since it is, give your hand." So he gave his hand, and he lifted him up to himself into the chariot.

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

Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?

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

2 Kings 10:16**ULT**

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ When he entered Samaria, then he struck down all the ones who were remaining of Ahab in Samaria, until he utterly annihilated him, according to the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken to Elijah.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:18**ULT**

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now therefore summon to me all the prophets of the Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Let not a man be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for the Baal. Anyone who will be missing will not live." However Jehu acted with deceitfulness, in order to destroy the servants of Baal.

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Jehu said, "Consecrate a festive assembly for the Baal." So they called out.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel and all the servants of the Baal came, so not a man was left who had not come. So they entered the house of the Baal, and the house of the Baal was filled edge to edge.

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

To where did the worshipers of Baal come?

They came into the temple of Baal.

2 Kings 10:22**ULT**

²² Then he said to the one who was over the apparel, "Bring out a garment for all the servants of the Baal." So he brought out to them the ceremonial clothing.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:23**ULT**

²³ Next Jehu and Jehonadab, the son of Recab, entered the house of the Baal, and he said to the servants of the Baal, "Search and see that there is not here with you among the servants of Yahweh, but only the servants of the Baal by themselves alone."

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then they entered to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had placed for himself 80 men at the outside, and he directed, "The man who would let slip away out of the men who I am bringing into your hands, his life will be in place of his life."

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ Now it happened upon his finishing to perform the burnt offering that Jehu said to the runners and to the third men, "Go in! Strike them down! Do not let a man go forth." So they struck them with the edge of a sword, and the runners and the third men cast away, and they went up to the fortified area of the house of the Baal.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then they brought out the standing stones of the house of the Baal, and they set it on fire.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:27**ULT**

²⁷ Also they tore down the standing image of the Baal, and they tore down the house of the Baal and they made it as a cesspit, until this day.

UST

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

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

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

2 Kings 10:28**ULT**

²⁸ Thus Jehu eradicated the Baal from Israel.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:29**ULT**

²⁹ Only the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, by which he caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not depart from after them, the calves of gold that were in Bethel and that were in Dan.

UST

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

How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?

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

2 Kings 10:30**ULT**

³⁰ So Yahweh said to Jehu, "Because that you have done well by doing what was right in my eyes, according to all that was in my heart you did to the house of Ahab, sons of fourth ones will sit for you on the throne of Israel."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:31**ULT**

³¹ However Jehu did not take care to walk in the instruction of Yahweh, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn away from with regard to the sins of Jeroboam, by which he caused Israel to sin.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:32**ULT**

³² In those days Yahweh began to cut off some of Israel, and Hazael struck them in every border of Israel,

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:33**ULT**

³³ from the Jordan towards the rising of the sun, all the land of the Gilead: the Gadite, and the Reubenite, and the Manassite, from Aroer, which is along the valley of Arnon, namely the Gilead along with the Bashan.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:34**ULT**

³⁴ Also the rest of the matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

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

Where were the other matters concerning Jehu written?

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

2 Kings 10:35**ULT**

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:36**ULT**

³⁶ Thus the days that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria were 28 years.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11

2 Kings 11:1

ULT

¹ Now Athaliah was the mother of Ahaziah, and she saw that her son had died. So she arose and she destroyed all the offspring of the kingdom.

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

Who did Athaliah not kill? (vv1-2)

Athaliah did not kill Joash.

2 Kings 11:2

ULT

² But Jehosheba, the daughter of the King Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, had taken Joash, the son of Ahaziah, and she secretly brought him away from the midst of the sons of the king who were being put to death, he along with his wet nurse, into the chamber of the bed. Thus they hid him from the face of Athaliah so that he was not killed.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:3

ULT

³ Then he was with her in the house of Yahweh, keeping hidden six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:4**ULT**

⁴ Now in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent and he took the princes of the hundreds of the Carite and of the runners, and he brought them to himself at the house of Yahweh. Then he cut with them a covenant, and he made them swear an oath in the house of Yahweh, and he showed them the son of the king.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 11:5**ULT**

⁵ Then he commanded them, by saying, "This is the thing that you must do. The third part of you coming in on the Sabbath also will be keepers of the watch over the house of the king,

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:6**ULT**

⁶ and the third part will be at the gate of Sur, and the third part at the gate behind the runners. Thus you will keep the watch of the house, alternating."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:7**ULT**

⁷ The two hands among you, all the ones going out on the Sabbath, also they will keep the watch over the house of Yahweh for the king.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 11:8**ULT**

⁸ So you must encircle around the king round about, each man with his weapons in his hand, and the one who comes in to the ranks will be put to death. So be with the king at his going out and at his coming in.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:9**ULT**

⁹ So the princes of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. Then they took, each man with his men, ones coming in on the Sabbath, with ones going out on the Sabbath; and they came to Jehoiada the priest.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:10**ULT**

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

UST

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

What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?

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

2 Kings 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ So the runners stood, each man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, to the altar and to the house, around the king round about.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:12**ULT**

¹² Then he brought out the son of the king, and he set the crown on him, and the testimony. Then they installed him as king and they anointed him, and they struck a palm. Also they said, "May the king live!"

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:13**ULT**

¹³ When Athaliah heard the sound of the runners, the people, then she came to the people at the house of Yahweh.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then she saw, and here was the king standing by the column, according to the custom, and the princes and the trumpeters were near the king. Now all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing on the trumpets. So Athaliah tore her garments and she cried out, "Treason! Treason!"

UST

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

Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?

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

2 Kings 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then Jehoiada the priest ordered the princes of the hundreds, inspectors of the army, and he said to them, "Bring her out to away from inside of the ranks. Now the one who comes after her, surely kill with the sword." For the priest had said, "Do not let her be put to death in the house of Yahweh."

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So they laid hands upon her when she came in the way of the entrance of the horses at the house of the king, and she was put to death there.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then Jehoiada cut the covenant between Yahweh and between the king and between the people, to be as a people for Yahweh, and between the king and between the people.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So all the people of the land went into the house of the Baal and they pulled down his altar and his images they smashed into pieces thoroughly. Then they killed Mattan, the priest of the Baal, at the front faces of the altars and the priest set overseers for the house of Yahweh.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then he took the princes of the hundreds, and the Carite, and the runners, and all of the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house of Yahweh. Then they came in the way of the gate of the runners at the house of the king and he sat on the throne of the kings.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ So all of the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet, for Athaliah they had put to death with the sword at the house of the king.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:21**ULT**

²¹ Joash was a son of seven years upon his beginning to reign.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12

2 Kings 12:1

ULT

¹ In the seventh year of Jehu, Joash began to reign, and he reigned 40 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Zibiah, from Beersheba.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:2

ULT

² Now Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all of his days, because Jehoiada the priest had instructed him.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 12:3

ULT

³ Only the high places they did not remove. The people still were sacrificing and were burning incense on the high places.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:4**ULT**

⁴ Now Joash said to the priests, "All the silver of the sacred purposes, that is brought into the house of Yahweh, silver moving through, each man, the silver of the persons in his estimation, all the silver when it goes up into the heart of a man to bring into the house of Yahweh.

UST

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

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

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

2 Kings 12:5**ULT**

⁵ the priests should receive for them, each man from his acquaintance, so they will strengthen the breach of the house, in every place where is found there a breach."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:6**ULT**

⁶ Now it had happened that by the year of the 23rd year of the King Joash, the priests had not strengthened the breach of the house.

UST

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

Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers? (vv6-7)

Joash told the priests this because they had not repaired anything in the temple.

2 Kings 12:7**ULT**

⁷ Then the King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and for the priests, and he said to them, "Why are you not strengthening the breach of the house? So, now, you may not take silver from your acquaintances, but for the breach of the house you should give it."

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⁷ So Joash summoned Jehoiada and the other priests and said to them, "Why are you not repairing things in the temple? Do not take any more money from those who are paying taxes. Take the money that was collected for the purpose of repairing the temple and pay that money to the workers who will do the repairs."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:8**ULT**

⁸ So the priests were in agreement to not accepting silver from the people and to not strengthening the breach of the house.

UST

⁸ The priests agreed to do that, and they also agreed that they themselves would not do the repair work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:9**ULT**

⁹ However, Jehoiada the priest took one wooden container, and he pierced a hole in its lid, and he set it beside the altar, on the right side as anyone is coming into the house of Yahweh. Then the priests, the keepers of the threshold, put in there all the silver that was brought into the house of Yahweh.

UST

⁹ Then Jehoiada took a chest and bored a hole in the lid. He placed it alongside the altar for burning incense that was on the right as anyone enters the temple. The priests who guarded the entrance to the temple put in the box the money that was brought to the temple.

Who put money into the chest?

The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Now it happened upon their seeing that abundant was the silver in the wooden container, that the scribe of the king and the high priest went up and they bound and they weighed out the silver that was found at the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁰ Whenever they saw that there was a lot of money in the chest, the king's secretary and the high priest would come and count the money. Then they would put it in bags and tie the bags shut.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then they gave the silver that was measured out into the hands of the doers of the work, the ones attending to the house of Yahweh, and they brought it out to the fabricators of the wood and to the builders, the ones preparing the house of Yahweh,

UST

¹¹ Then they would distribute the money to the men who supervised the work in the temple. The supervisors would use that money to pay the carpenters and builders who did the repair work in the temple,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:12**ULT**

¹² and to the masons and to the hewers of the stone, and to buy timbers and stones for hewing in order to strengthen the breach of the house of Yahweh, and for all that would come forth for the house for repair.

UST

¹² and the masons and the stone cutters. Also with some of that money they bought timber and stones that had been cut to be used in the repair work, and to pay all the other expenses for the repair work.

For what did the workers use the money?

The workers used the money for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

2 Kings 12:13**ULT**

¹³ Only for the house of Yahweh bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold or vessels of silver would not be made from the silver that was brought into the house of Yahweh,

UST

¹³ But they did not use any of that money to pay men to make silver cups or wick trimmers for the lamps or bowls or trumpets or any other items made of silver or gold to be used in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ because they gave it to the doers of the work so they strengthened the house of Yahweh with it.

UST

¹⁴ All that money was given to the men who were doing the work of repairing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Also, they did not make an accounting with the men who they gave the silver into their hand to give to the doers of the work, for with trustworthiness they were acting.

UST

¹⁵ The men who supervised the work always did things honestly, so the king's secretary and the high priest never required that the supervisors report what they had spent the money for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Silver for a guilt offering and the silver for the sin offerings was not brought into the house of Yahweh, they were for the priests.

UST

¹⁶ But the money that people gave to pay for sacrifices for their sins was not put in the chest. That money belonged to the priests.

Why was the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings not brought into the temple of Yahweh?

The money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.

2 Kings 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ At that time Hazael, the king of Aram, went up and he fought against Gath, and he captured it. Then Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁷ At that time, Hazael, the king of Aram, went with his army and attacked the city of Gath and conquered it. Then he decided that they would attack Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So Joash, the king of Judah, took all the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, the kings of Judah, had consecrated, and his holy things, and all of the gold that was found in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh and the house of the king and he sent to Hazael, the king of Aram, so he would go up away from against Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁸ So Joash, the king of Judah, took all the money that the previous kings, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, had dedicated to Yahweh. He added some of his own money, and all the gold that was in the rooms in the temple where valuable things were kept, and he sent it all to King Hazael to persuade him not to attack Jerusalem. So King Hazael took his army away from Jerusalem.

How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

Joash took all the holy objects that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah had consecrated to Yahweh, his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

2 Kings 12:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now the rest of the matters concerning Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

¹⁹ If you want to read more of what Joash did, it is all written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then his servants arose and they plotted a conspiracy, so they struck down Joash at Beth Millo, at the going down to Silla.

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²⁰⁻²¹ Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them killed Joash on the road that goes down to the district of Silla. The two men who did that were Jozabad son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer. Joash was buried in the place where his ancestors were buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Jozabad, ^[1] the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and as a result he died. Then they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Amaziah, his son, became king in his place.

12:21 ^[1].

UST

²⁰⁻²¹ Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them killed Joash on the road that goes down to the district of Silla. The two men who did that were Jozabad son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer. Joash was buried in the place where his ancestors were buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

Who attacked Joash?

Jozacar, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, attacked Joash.

2 Kings 13

2 Kings 13:1

ULT

¹ During the year of the 23rd year of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, the king of Judah, Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, became king over Israel in Samaria, 17 years.

UST

¹ After Joash had been ruling Judah for almost twenty-three years, Jehu's son Jehoahaz became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for seventeen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:2

ULT

² Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh and he walked after the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. He did not turn away from it.

UST

² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil and committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the people of Israel to sin. He did not stop committing those sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:3

ULT

³ As a result the anger of Yahweh was kindled against Israel, so he gave them into the hand of Hazael, the king of Aram, and into the hand of Ben Hadad, the son of Hazael, all the days.

UST

³ So Yahweh became very angry with the Israelite people, and he allowed the army of King Hazael of Aram and his son Ben Hadad to defeat the Israelites many times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:4**ULT**

⁴ So Jehoahaz entreated the faces of Yahweh, and Yahweh listened to him because he saw the oppression of Israel, for the king of Aram had oppressed them.

UST

⁴ Then Jehoahaz prayed to Yahweh for help, and Yahweh listened to him, because he saw that the army of the king of Aram was oppressing the Israelites.

Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer? (vv4-5)

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

2 Kings 13:5**ULT**

⁵ So Yahweh gave to Israel a savior, and they came out from beneath the hand of Aram. Then the sons of Israel settled in their tents as previously, aforesaid.

UST

⁵ Yahweh sent a leader to Israel, who enabled them to be free from Aram's power. After that, the Israelites lived peacefully as they had done previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:6**ULT**

⁶ Nevertheless, they did not turn aside from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin, he walked in it and also the Asherah stood in Samaria.

UST

⁶ But they still continued to commit the same kind of sins that Jeroboam and his family had committed and that had led the Israelites to sin. Also, the statue of the goddess Asherah remained in Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:7**ULT**

⁷ For he had not left for Jehoahaz any people, except only 50 horsemen, and ten chariots, and 10,000 footmen, for the king of Aram had destroyed them and he had made them like the dust at threshing.

UST

⁷ Jehoahaz had only fifty men who rode on horses and ten chariots and ten thousand other soldiers, because the army of Aram had killed all the rest, walking over them as people walk over the ground.

The king of Aram destroyed the army of Israel and made them like what?

The king of Aram had destroyed the army of Israel and made them like the chaff at threshing time.

2 Kings 13:8**ULT**

⁸ Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his might, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

⁸ If you want to read about everything else that Jehoahaz did, you can read about it in the book called The History of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:9**ULT**

⁹ Then Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Jehoash his son became king in his place.

UST

⁹ Jehoahaz died and was buried in Samaria. Then his son Jehoash became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ During the year of the 37th year of Joash, the king of Judah, Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, began to reign over Israel in Samaria, 16 years.

UST

¹⁰ Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, started to rule in Israel after King Joash had been ruling in Judah for thirty-seven years. Jehoash ruled in Samaria for sixteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn aside from all of the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, he walked in it.

UST

¹¹ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He refused to stop worshiping idols, which was the sin that many years earlier King Jeroboam had led the Israelite people in committing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:12**ULT**

¹² Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoash, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought with Amaziah, the king of Judah, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

¹² The other things that happened while Jehoash was king and all the things that he did are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel. In that account they wrote about his army's victories, and their war with the army of King Amaziah of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Jehoash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne, and Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

UST

¹³ When Jehoash died, he was buried in Samaria where the other kings of Israel were buried. Then his son Jeroboam became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now Elisha fell sick with his sickness which he would die by it, so Jehoash, the king of Israel went down to him and he wept on his face. Then he said, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!"

UST

¹⁴ Then Elisha became very ill. Just before he died, King Joash went to Elisha and cried in front of him. Saying the same words that Elisha had said when Elijah was taken to heaven, he said, "My father! The chariots of us Israelite people and their drivers are taking my master away!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and some arrows," so he took to him a bow and some arrows.

UST

¹⁵ Elisha said to him, "Bring to me a bow and some arrows!" So the king did that.

When Elisha was sick, what did he tell Joash to pick up?

He told Joash to pick up a bow and some arrows.

2 Kings 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Next he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand in place on the bow," so he put his hand in place. Then Elisha set his hands over the hands of the king.

UST

¹⁶ Then Elisha told the king to put his hands on the bow and prepare to shoot some arrows. And then Elisha put his own hands on the king's hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then he said, "Open the window facing eastward," so he opened. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!", so he shot. Then he said, "An arrow of victory for Yahweh and an arrow of victory against Aram, for you will strike down Aram in Aphek until utterly bringing to an end."

UST

¹⁷ Then Elisha told him, "Have someone open that window toward the east." So a servant opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" So the king did. Then Elisha said, "That is the arrow that indicates that your army will defeat the Aramean army. Your army will completely defeat their army at the city of Aphek."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then he said, "Take the arrows," so he took. Then he said to the king of Israel, "Strike down towards ground," so he struck three times, and he stopped.

UST

¹⁸ Then Elisha said, "Pick up the other arrows and strike the ground with them!" So the king picked up the arrows and struck the ground three times.

What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times? (vv18-19)

Because he hit the ground only three times, he would attack Aram only three times.

2 Kings 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ However the man of God was angry on account of him and he said, "By striking five or six times, then you would have struck down Aram until utterly bringing to an end, but now three times you will strike Aram."

UST

¹⁹ But Elisha was angry with him. He exclaimed, "You should have struck the ground five or six times! If you had done that, your army would have defeated the Aramean army until they were completely wiped out! But now, because you struck the ground only three times, your army will defeat them only three times!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now Elisha died, and they buried him. Then the raiders of Moab would come into the land, coming in each year.

UST

²⁰ Then Elisha died and was buried. Groups of raiders from Moab came to Israel each year during spring.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:21**ULT**

²¹ Now it happened that they were burying a man, and look, they saw the raider, so they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. As the man went and he touched upon the bones of Elisha, then it happened that he rose up onto his feet.

UST

²¹ One year, when some Israelite people were burying a man's body, they saw a group of those raiders. They were afraid, so quickly they threw that man's body into the grave where Elisha had been buried, and they ran away. But as soon as the man's body touched Elisha's bones, the dead man became alive again and jumped up!

What happened to the man who was buried in Elisha's cave?

The man who was buried in Elisha's cave revived and stood up on his feet as soon as the man touched Elisha's bones.

2 Kings 13:22**ULT**

²² Thus Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

UST

²² King Hazael of Aram sent soldiers to oppress the Israelite people during all the years that Jehoahaz ruled Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:23**ULT**

²³ However Yahweh showed favor to them, and he had compassion on them so he turned towards them on account of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So he did not want to destroy them, and he did not cast them away from before his face until now.

UST

²³ But Yahweh was very kind to the Israelite people. He helped them because of the covenant that he had made with their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He would not get rid of the Israelites, and he still has not rejected them.

Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?

Yahweh was gracious to Israel, and had compassion on them and concern for them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he did not drive them away from his presence.

2 Kings 13:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then Hazael, the king of Aram, died and Ben Hadad his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁴ When Hazael the king of Aram died, his son Ben Hadad became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, returned and he took the cities from the hand of Ben Hadad, the son of Hazael, that he had taken from the hand of Jehoahaz his father in the war. Three times Jehoash had struck him, thus he returned the cities of Israel.

UST

²⁵ The army of King Jehoash of Israel defeated the army of King Ben Hadad three times; they also recaptured the cities that Ben Hadad's army had seized during the time that Jehoash's father Jehoahaz was ruling Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14

2 Kings 14:1

ULT

¹ In the second year of Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel, Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

¹ After Jehoash had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:2

ULT

² He was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 29 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Jehoaddan, from Jerusalem.

UST

² He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Jehoaddin. She was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:3

ULT

³ Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, only not like David his father. Like all that Joash, his father, had done, he did.

UST

³ Amaziah did many things that pleased Yahweh, but he did not do as many things that pleased Yahweh as King David had done. He did some of the good things that his father Joash had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Only the high places were not removed, the people still were sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

UST

⁴ But, like his father, he did not tear down the other places for worshiping Yahweh. The people continued to burn incense to honor Yahweh in those places instead of in Jerusalem, the place that Yahweh had appointed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:5**ULT**

⁵ Now it happened just as the kingdom became strong in his hand, that he struck down his servants, the ones who had struck down the king, his father.

UST

⁵ As soon as he was completely in control of his kingdom, he made his servants execute the officials who had murdered his father.

What did Amaziah do as soon as his rule was well established?

As soon as his rule was well established, Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

2 Kings 14:6**ULT**

⁶ However the sons of the ones striking down he did not put to death, according to what is written in the scroll of the law of Moses, that Yahweh had commanded, by saying, "Fathers may not be put to death on account of sons, and sons may not be put to death on account of fathers. But only each man will be put to death because of his sin."

UST

⁶ But he did not tell his servants to execute those officials' children. He obeyed what was written in the laws that God gave to Moses, "Parents must not be executed for the crimes committed by their parents. People must be executed only for the sins that they themselves have committed."

Why did Amaziah not put the sons of the assassins to death?

Amaziah did not put the sons of the assassins to death because Yahweh had commanded him, saying, "The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin."

2 Kings 14:7**ULT**

⁷ He struck down Edom in the valley of the Salt, 10,000 and he seized the Sela in the war. Also he called its name Joktheel, until this day.

UST

⁷ Amaziah's soldiers killed ten thousand soldiers of the Edom people group in the Valley of Salt south of the Dead Sea, and they captured the city of Sela and gave it a new name, Joktheel. That is still its name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, we will show each other faces."

UST

⁸ Then Amaziah sent messengers to King Jehoash of Israel, saying, "Come here and let us and our armies fight each other in battle."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:9**ULT**

⁹ But Jehoash, the king of Israel, sent to Amaziah, the king of Judah, saying, "The thorn bush that was in the Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in the Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son for a wife,' but a beast of the field that was in the Lebanon passed over and it trampled down the thorn bush.

UST

⁹ But King Jehoash replied with this parable to King Amaziah: "Once a thornbush growing in the mountains in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar tree, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in order that he may marry her.' But a wild animal in Lebanon passed by the thornbush and trampled it."

What trampled down the thistle?

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

2 Kings 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Indeed, you have struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Be honored, but stay in your house. For why should you engage yourself with evil that you would fall, you and Judah with you?"

UST

¹⁰ The meaning of what I am saying is that your army has defeated the army of Edom, so now you have become very proud. But you should be content with defeating the people of Edom; you should allow your soldiers to stay at home. If you cause trouble by fighting against us, you will surely cause a disaster to happen to you and to your people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ But Amaziah did not listen. So Jehoash, the king of Israel, went up and they showed each other faces, he and Amaziah, the king of Judah, at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

UST

¹¹ But Amaziah refused to pay attention to Jehoash's message. So Jehoash and Amaziah led their armies to Beth Shemesh in Judah, and it was there that their armies came together to fight each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:12**ULT**

¹² Then Judah was struck hard before the faces of Israel, and they fled, each man to his tent.

UST

¹² The Israelite army defeated the army of Judah, and all the soldiers of Judah fled and ran back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Jehoash, the king of Israel, captured Amaziah, the king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh. Next he came to Jerusalem and he broke down the wall of Jerusalem at the Gate of Ephraim up to the Gate of the Corner, 400 cubits.

UST

¹³ Jehoash's army also captured King Amaziah there, and they also marched to Jerusalem and tore down the wall that was around the city, from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. That was a section of wall about 180 meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that had been found in the house of Yahweh, and in the treasuries of the house of the king, and the sons of the pledges. Then he returned to Samaria.

UST

¹⁴ Jehoash's soldiers seized all the gold and silver that they found, all the objects that were in the temple, and all the valuable things that were in the palace; they took them to Samaria. They also took to Samaria some prisoners to make sure that Amaziah would cause them no more trouble.

What did Jehoash take from Jerusalem?

He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, with hostages also.

2 Kings 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoash, what he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah, the king of Judah, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

¹⁵ If you want to know about all the other things that Jehoash did when he was king, including when he and his army fought against the army of King Amaziah of Judah, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then Jehoash slept with his fathers and he was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel, and Jeroboam, his son, became king in his place.

UST

¹⁶ Jehoash died, and he was buried in Samaria, where the other kings of Israel had been buried. Then his son Jeroboam became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived 15 years after the death of Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel.

UST

¹⁷ Amaziah, the king of Judah, lived for fifteen more years after Jehoash, the king of Israel, died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Now the rest of the matters concerning Amaziah, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

¹⁸ If you want to know more about everything else that Amaziah did, it is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For they had plotted a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, so he had fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

UST

¹⁹ Some people in Jerusalem plotted against him, so he fled to the city of Lachish. But they followed him there and killed him.

How did Amaziah die?

A conspiracy was made against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But men were sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

2 Kings 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then they carried him on the horses, and he was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

UST

²⁰ They took his corpse back to Jerusalem and buried it where his ancestors had been buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:21**ULT**

²¹ Then all the people of Judah took Azariah, when he was a son of 16 years, and they made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

UST

²¹ Then all the people of Judah appointed Azariah, whose father was Amaziah, to be their king. He became king when he was sixteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:22**ULT**

²² He himself built up Elath and he returned it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

UST

²² After Amaziah's father Amaziah died, Azariah's army captured the city of Elath, and it came under the control of Judah again.

What did Uzziah do to Eloth?

Uzziah rebuilt Eloth and restored it to Judah.

2 Kings 14:23**ULT**

²³ During the year of the 15th year of Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, Jeroboam, the son of Jehoash, the king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria, 41 years.

UST

²³ When Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost fifteen years, Jeroboam became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for forty-one years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:24**ULT**

²⁴ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from all the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.

UST

²⁴ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not stop committing the same kind of sins that Jeroboam son of Nebat, had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ He himself restored the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of Yahweh, the God of Israel, which he had spoken by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from the Gath Hepher.

UST

²⁵ Jeroboam's soldiers conquered again some of the territory that had previously belonged to Israel, from the city of Hamath in the north to the Dead Sea in the south. That is what Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, promised the prophet Jonah son of Amittai, from the city of Gath Hopher, would happen.

Through whom did Jeroboam hear that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah?

Jeroboam heard through Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah.

2 Kings 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ For Yahweh saw the affliction of Israel, being exceedingly contentious, along with a cessation of restraining and a cessation of relenting, and there was not a helper for Israel.

UST

²⁶ That happened because Yahweh saw that the Israelites' enemies were causing the Israelites to suffer very much. And there was absolutely no one who would help them.

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them? (vv26-27)

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, Yahweh saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

2 Kings 14:27**ULT**

²⁷ However Yahweh had not spoken to blot out the name of Israel from under the heavens, instead, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam, the son of Jehoash.

UST

²⁷ But Yahweh said that he would not destroy Israel completely, so he enabled King Jeroboam to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ Now the rest of the matters concerning Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought and how he restored Damascus and Hamath to Judah in Israel, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

²⁸ If you want to know more about everything else that Jeroboam did, about how he courageously fought in battle, and about how he enabled the Israelites to capture again the cities of Damascus and Hamath, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ Then Jeroboam slept with his fathers, with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁹ Jeroboam died, and was buried where the other kings of Israel were buried, and his son Zechariah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15

2 Kings 15:1

ULT

¹ During the year of the 27th year of Jeroboam, the king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

¹ After Jeroboam had been ruling Israel for almost twenty-seven years, Azariah, son of Amaziah king of Judah, began to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:2

ULT

² He was a son of 16 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. Also, the name of his mother was Jekoliah, from Jerusalem.

UST

² He was sixteen years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for fifty-two years. His mother was Jecoliah. She was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:3

ULT

³ Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that Amaziah his father had done.

UST

³ He did things that Yahweh was pleased with, as his father Amaziah had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:4**ULT**

⁴ However, the high places were not removed; the people still were sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

UST

⁴ But the high places where the people continued to practice idolatry were not destroyed. They continued to burn incense as they worshiped their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:5**ULT**

⁵ Thus Yahweh afflicted the king so he was stricken with leprosy until the day of his death and he lived in the house for the exempt from duties. Then Jotham, the son of the king, was over the house, judging the people of the land.

UST

⁵ Yahweh caused Azariah to become a leper. Azariah was a leper all the remaining years that he lived. He was not allowed to live in the palace. He lived alone in a house, and his son Jotham ruled the land.

How did Yahweh afflict King Uzziah?

Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house.

2 Kings 15:6**ULT**

⁶ Now the rest of the matters concerning Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

⁶ If you want to know about everything else that Azariah did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:7**ULT**

⁷ Then Azariah slept with his fathers and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. So Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

UST

⁷ Azariah died and they buried him in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Jotham became the king.

Who became king in Uzziah's place?

Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings 15:8**ULT**

⁸ During the year of the 38th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, Zechariah, the son of Jeroboam, became king over Israel in Samaria, six months.

UST

⁸ After Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-eight years, Zechariah son of Jeroboam, became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for only six months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:9**ULT**

⁹ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as his fathers had done. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

UST

⁹ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, like his ancestors had done. He committed the same kind of sins that the first Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then Shallum, the son of Jabesh, conspired against him, and he struck him in front of the people, and he killed him. Then he became king in his place.

UST

¹⁰ Then Shallum son of Jabesh, made plans to assassinate Zechariah. He killed him in the city of Ibleam, and then he became the king.

Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

2 Kings 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now the rest of the matters concerning Zechariah, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

¹¹ Everything else that Zechariah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:12**ULT**

¹² It was the word of Yahweh that he had spoken to Jehu, by saying, "Sons of fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel," and it was so.

UST

¹² When Zechariah died, the dynasty of King Jehu was finished. This fulfilled what Yahweh said to King Jehu would happen, "Your son and grandson and great-grandson and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel."

For how long would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel?

Jehu's descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 15:13**ULT**

¹³ Shallum, the son of Jabesh, began to reign during the year of the 39th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, and he reigned a lunar month of days in Samaria.

UST

¹³ Shallum son of Jabesh, became the king of Israel after King Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years. But Shallum ruled in Samaria for only one month.

Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria? (vv13-14)

Shallum reigned only one month in Samaria because Menahem the son of Gadi killed him.

2 Kings 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Menahem, the son of Gadi, went up from Tirzah and he came into Samaria and he struck Shallum, the son of Jabesh in Samaria. Thus he killed him and he became king in his place.

UST

¹⁴ Then Menahem son of Gadi, went up from the city of Tirzah to Samaria and assassinated Shallum. Then Menahem became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now the rest of the matters concerning Shallum and his conspiracy that he conspired, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

¹⁵ Everything else that Shallum did, including his killing King Zechariah, is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then Menahem struck Tiphshah and all who were in it, and its borders toward Tirzah, because it did not open. So he struck, all its pregnant ones he split open. ^[1]

UST

¹⁶ At that time Menahem completely destroyed the city of Tiphshah and killed all the people who lived there and in the surrounding territory from Tirzah on. He did that because the people in the city refused to surrender to him. With his sword he even ripped open the bellies of pregnant women who lived there.

Why did Menahem attack Tiphshah and all who were there?

Menahem attacked Tiphshah and all who were there because they did not open the city up to him.

2 Kings 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ During the year of the 39th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, Menahem, the son of Gadi, began to reign over Israel, ten years in Samaria.

UST

¹⁷ When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years, Menahem son of Gadi, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for ten years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin all his days.

UST

¹⁸ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin. He continued to commit those sins all during the years that he lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Pul, the king of Assyria, came against the land, so Menahem gave to Pul 1,000 rounds of silver, for his hands being with him in order to strengthen the kingdom in his hand.

UST

¹⁹ Then Pul (also known as Tiglath-Pileser) king of Assyria came with his army to attack Israel. So Menahem gave him about thirty-three metric tons of silver in order that the king of Assyria would help Menahem to continue to be king and rule his country more strongly.

How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul? (vv19-20)

Menahem collected one thousand talents of silver by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him.

2 Kings 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Menahem brought forth the silver incumbent upon Israel obliging each of the mighty ones of wealth to give to the king of Assyria 50 silver shekels, incumbent upon each one. So the king of Assyria turned back and he did not remain standing there in the land.

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²⁰ Menahem obtained that money from the rich men in Israel. He compelled each of them to contribute three-fifths of a kilogram of silver. So Tiglath-Pileser took that money and went back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:21**ULT**

²¹ Now the rest of the matters concerning Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

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²¹ If you want to know more about everything that Menahem did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:22**ULT**

²² Then Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son became king in his place.

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²² Menahem died and was buried, and his son Pekahiah became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:23**ULT**

²³ During the year of the 50th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, Pekahiah, the son of Menahem, began to reign over Israel in Samaria, two years.

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²³ When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty years, Menahem's son Pekahiah became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for only two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, that caused Israel to sin.

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²⁴ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then Pekah, the son of Remaliah, his officer, conspired against him, and he struck him down in Samaria, in the citadel of the house of the king, along with Argob and with Arieah and with him 50 men of the sons of the Gileadites. Thus he killed him, and he became king in his place.

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²⁵ Then one of Pekahiah's army commanders whose name was Pekah son of Remaliah, planned with fifty men, from the region of Gilead to kill Pekahiah and two of his assistants, Argob and Arieah. They assassinated the king in a fortified place in the king's palace in Samaria. Then Pekah became the king.

Who killed Pekahiah?

Pekah killed Pekahiah.

2 Kings 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ Now the rest of the matters concerning Pekahiah, and all that he did, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

²⁶ Everything else that Pekahiah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ During the year of the 52nd year of Azariah, the king of Judah, Pekah, the son of Remaliah, began to reign over Israel in Samaria, 20 years.

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²⁷ When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty-two years, Pekah son of Remaliah, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for twenty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:28**ULT**

²⁸ Also he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

UST

²⁸ He also did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:29**ULT**

²⁹ In the days of Pekah, the king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came and he took Ijon, and Abel Beth Maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and the Gilead, and the Galilee, all the land of Naphtali and he forced them to exile to Assyria.

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²⁹ While Pekah was the king, Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came with his army and captured the cities of Ijon, Abel of Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, and the regions of Gilead, Galilee, and Naphtali. His army forced the Israelite people to leave their country and go to live in Assyria.

Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah? (vv29-30)

Hoshea formed a conspiracy against Pekah because Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took many cities.

2 Kings 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then Hoshea, the son of Elah, plotted a conspiracy against Pekah, the son of Remaliah, and he struck him and he killed him. Then he became king in his place, in the 20th year of Jotham, the son of Uzziah.

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³⁰ Then Hoshea son of Elah, planned to kill Pekah. He assassinated him when Amaziah's son Jotham had been ruling Judah for almost twenty years. Then Hoshea became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:31**ULT**

³¹ Now the rest of the matters concerning Pekah and all that he did, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

³¹ Everything else that Pekah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:32**ULT**

³² In the second year of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, Jotham, the son of Azariah, the king of Judah, began to reign.

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³² When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Azariah's son Jotham began to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:33**ULT**

³³ He was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. Also, the name of his mother was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

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³³ He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His mother was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:34**ULT**

³⁴ Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that Azariah his father had done, he did.

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³⁴ He did many things that pleased Yahweh, as his father Azariah had done.

Whose example did Jotham follow?

Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

2 Kings 15:35**ULT**

³⁵ However, the high places were not removed. The people still were sacrificing and were burning incense at the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh.

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³⁵ But he did not destroy the places where the people worshiped Yahweh, and the people continued to burn incense there to honor Yahweh. Jotham's workers built the Upper Gate of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:36**ULT**

³⁶ Now the rest of the matters concerning Jotham that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

³⁶ If you want to know more about everything else that Jotham did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:37**ULT**

³⁷ In those days Yahweh began to dispatch Rezin, the king of Aram, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, against Judah.

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³⁷ It was during the time that Jotham was the king that Yahweh sent King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel with their armies to attack Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:38**ULT**

38 Then Jotham slept with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father. Then Ahaz, his son, began to reign in his place.

15:16 ^[1], one ancient version and some modern versions read, .

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38 Jotham died and was buried where his ancestors had been buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Ahaz became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16

2 Kings 16:1

ULT

¹ During the year of the 17th year of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the king of Judah, began to reign.

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¹ When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost seventeen years, Ahaz son of Jotham, became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:2

ULT

² Ahaz was a son of 20 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. However he did not do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh his God, as David his father.

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² He was twenty years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. He did not do things that pleased Yahweh his God, good things like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:3

ULT

³ Instead, he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. indeed, he even made his son pass through in the fire, like the abominations of the nations, that Yahweh had driven them out away from the faces of the sons of Israel.

UST

³ Instead, he was as sinful as the kings of Israel had been. He even sacrificed his son to be an offering to idols. That imitated the disgusting things that the people who previously lived there had done, people whom Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites were advancing through the land.

What did Ahaz do to his son?

Ahaz put his son in the fire as a burned offering, following the detestable practices of the nations.

2 Kings 16:4**ULT**

⁴ Also he sacrificed and he burned incense on the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

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⁴ He offered sacrifices and burned incense to honor Yahweh at many different places, including on the tops of many hills and under many big trees, instead of in Jerusalem as Yahweh had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:5**ULT**

⁵ Then Rezin, the king of Aram and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, were simultaneously coming up to Jerusalem for the battle. Then they layed siege against Ahaz, but they were not able to wage war.

UST

⁵ Then King Rezin of Aram, came along with his army, and at that time Pekah (who was the son of King Remaliah of Israel) also came along with his army, and together their armies came up to attack Jerusalem, but King Ahaz led a fight to defend the city. The armies surrounded the city, but they could not conquer it.

What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

2 Kings 16:6**ULT**

⁶ At that time, Rezin, the king of Aram, restored Elath to Aram and he drove the Jews out of Elath. Then Arameans came to Elath and they have lived there to this day.

UST

⁶ It was at that time that the army that was commanded by King Rezin of Aram drove out the people of Judah who were living in the city of Elath, and the city came under the control of the Arameans. This was the time when some people from Aram began to live in Elath, and they are still living there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:7**ULT**

⁷ So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son. Come up and deliver me from the palm of the king of Aram and from the palm of the king of Israel, who have risen up against me."

UST

⁷ King Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria, to tell this message to him: "I promise that I will completely do what you tell me to do, as though I were your son. Please come and rescue us from the armies of Aram and Israel who are attacking my country."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:8**ULT**

⁸ So Ahaz took the silver and the gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king and he sent a bribe to the king of Assyria.

UST

⁸ Ahaz took the silver and gold that was in the palace and in the temple and sent it to Assyria to be a present for the king of Assyria.

What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?

Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king's palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:9**ULT**

⁹ Then the king of Assyria listened to him, so the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and he seized it and he led it into exile to Kir. He also killed Rezin.

UST

⁹ So Tiglath-Pileser did what Ahaz requested. His army marched to Damascus and captured it, and they took the people of Damascus as prisoners to live in the capital city of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then the King, Ahaz, went to meet Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, at Damascus, and he saw the altar that was in Damascus. So the King Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest the plan of the altar and its pattern for all its design.

UST

¹⁰ When King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet King Tiglath-Pileser, he saw the altar that was there. So he sent to Uriah, the high priest in Jerusalem, a drawing of the altar and a model that represented exactly the altar in Damascus.

What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate? (vv10-11)

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

2 Kings 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ So Uriah the priest built the altar according to all that the King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. Thus Uriah the priest did while the King Ahaz was coming from Damascus.

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¹¹ So Uriah built an altar in Jerusalem following the drawing that King Ahaz had sent. Uriah finished the altar before Ahaz returned to Jerusalem from Damascus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:12**ULT**

¹² When the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar. So the king came near to the altar and he offered up on it.

UST

¹² When the king returned from Damascus, he saw the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:13**ULT**

¹³ Then he made his burnt offering and his grain offering rise in smoke, and he poured out his drink offering, and he sprinkled the blood of the peace offerings that were for him on the altar.

UST

¹³ He went up to it and burned animal sacrifices and a flour offering on it. He also poured a wine offering on it and threw on it the blood of the offerings to promise friendship with God.

Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

2 Kings 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then the bronze altar that was before the faces of Yahweh, also he brought near from the front face of the house, from between the altar and from between the house of Yahweh and he put it on the side of altar towards north.

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¹⁴ The old bronze altar that had been dedicated long ago to Yahweh was between the new altar and the temple, so Ahaz moved it to the north side of his new altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, "On the large altar make the burnt offering of the morning and the grain offering of the evening, and the burnt offering of the king and his grain offering, and the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their grain offering and their drink offerings rise in smoke. Also you will sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all blood of sacrifice. But the bronze altar will be for me to seek."

UST

¹⁵ Then King Ahaz ordered Uriah: "Each morning put on this new altar the sacrifices that the priests will burn completely, and in the evening put on it the flour offering, along with my offering and the offerings that the people bring, ones that they will burn completely, and my flour offering and the people's grain and wine offerings. Pour against the sides of the altar the blood of all the animals that are sacrificed. But the old bronze altar will be only for me to use for divination."

What was the purpose of the bronze altar?

The bronze altar was for Ahaz to ask for God's help.

2 Kings 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So Uriah the priest did according to all that the King Ahaz had commanded.

UST

¹⁶ So Uriah did what the king commanded him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then the King Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases and he removed the wash bowl from upon them. Also he took down the sea from upon the bronze oxen that were beneath it and he put it on pavement of stones.

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¹⁷ King Ahaz told his workers to take off the frames of the carts that were outside the temple and to take down the basins that were on them. They also took down the large bronze tank called "The Sea" and removed it from the backs of the bronze statues of the oxen and put it on a stone foundation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Also he removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the house, and the outer entrance of the king from the house of Yahweh, because of the face of the king of Assyria.

UST

¹⁸ Then to please the king of Assyria, Ahaz had them remove from the temple the roof under which the people walked into the temple on the Sabbath day, and closed up the private entrance into the temple for the kings of Judah.

Why did Ahaz remove the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh?

Ahaz removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh, because of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now the rest of the matters concerning Ahaz that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

¹⁹ If you want to know about the other things that Ahaz did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Ahaz slept with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. Then Hezekiah his son became king in his place.

UST

²⁰ Ahaz died, and he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Hezekiah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17

2 Kings 17:1

ULT

¹ In the 12th year of Ahaz, the king of Judah, Hoshea, the son of Elah, began to reign in Samaria over Israel, nine years.

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¹ Elah's son Hoshea began to rule Israel after King Ahaz had ruled Judah for twelve years. Hoshea ruled in Samaria for nine years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:2

ULT

² Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

UST

² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, but he did not do as many evil things as the previous kings of Israel had done—the ones who had ruled Israel previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:3

ULT

³ Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, came up against him, and Hoshea became a servant for him and he brought back tribute to him.

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³ The army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria attacked and defeated the army of King Hoshea. As a result, the Israelites were forced to pay much tribute to Assyria each year.

What did Hoshea do when he became Shalmaneser's servant?

Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

2 Kings 17:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the king of Assyria found in Hoshea a conspiracy, that he had sent messengers to So, the king of Egypt and he had not brought up tribute to the king of Assyria, as year by year. So the king of Assyria restrained him and he bound him in a house of confinement.

UST

⁴ But several years later, Hoshea secretly planned to rebel against the rulers of Assyria. He sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, asking if his army could help the Israelites fight against Assyria. Hoshea also stopped paying the tribute that he had been paying Assyria every year. But the king of Assyria found out about those things, so he told his officers to put Hoshea in prison.

How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?

Hoshea had been plotting against Shalmaneser, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt.

2 Kings 17:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the king of Assyria came up against all the land, and he came up to Samaria and he besieged around it three years.

UST

⁵ Then he brought the army of Assyria to Israel, and they attacked everywhere in that land. His army besieged the city of Samaria for three years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:6**ULT**

⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and he exiled Israel to Assyria. Then he had them live in Halah, and along Habor, the River of Gozan, and the cities of Media.

UST

⁶ Finally, after King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for nine years, the army of Assyria forcefully entered the city and captured the people. They took the Israelite people to Assyria and forced some of them to live in the city of Halah. They forced others to live near the Habor River in the district of Gozan. They forced others to live in the towns where the Mede people group lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:7**ULT**

⁷ Now it happened because the sons of Israel had sinned against Yahweh, their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Also they had feared other gods,

UST

⁷ Those things happened because the Israelite people had sinned against Yahweh their God. He had rescued their ancestors from the power of the king of Egypt and brought them safely out of Egypt, but later they began to worship other gods.

Why did the captivity happen?

The captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:8**ULT**

⁸ and they walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Yahweh had dispossessed away from the faces of the sons of Israel, and the kings of Israel, that they had made.

UST

⁸ They imitated the things that the pagan peoples around them practiced. Those were the very peoples that Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites occupied their land. The people of Israel also did the evil things that most of the kings of Israel showed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:9**ULT**

⁹ Now the sons of Israel did things in secret against Yahweh their God that were not right. Moreover they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from a tower for watchmen to a city with fortification.

UST

⁹ The Israelite people also secretly did many things that were not pleasing to Yahweh their God. They built places to worship their idols on the hills around all their cities, including small towns and big cities with walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They also erected standing stones and Asherah poles for themselves on every high hill and under every flourishing tree.

UST

¹⁰ They set up stone pillars to honor gods, and poles to worship the goddess Asherah at the top of every high hill and under every big tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ They burned incense there in all high places, like the nations that Yahweh had exiled away from their faces, and they did evil things to provoke Yahweh to anger.

UST

¹¹ The Israelites burned incense in every place where they worshiped those gods, just like the peoples who lived there previously had done—the groups that Yahweh had driven out from the land. The Israelites did many wicked things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:12**ULT**

¹² They even the served idols, about which Yahweh had said to them, "You must not do this thing."

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¹² Yahweh warned them many times that they should not worship idols, but they did it anyway.

What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

2 Kings 17:13**ULT**

¹³ Yet Yahweh had brought warnings against Israel and against Judah by the hand of all of his prophets, every seer, by saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments, my statutes, according to all of the instruction that I have commanded your fathers, and that I have sent to you by the hand of my servants the prophets."

UST

¹³ Yahweh frequently sent his prophets and seers to warn the people of Israel and the people of Judah. The message that Yahweh gave them was, "Stop doing all the evil things you have been doing. Obey my commands and my laws, the laws that I told your ancestors to obey and that I told the prophets who served me to tell to you again."

By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?

Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer.

2 Kings 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But they did not heed and they hardened their necks as the necks of their fathers who did not put trust in Yahweh their God.

UST

¹⁴ But the Israelite people would not pay attention. They were stubborn, just as their ancestors were. Just as their ancestors did, they refused to trust in Yahweh their God.

The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?

The Israelites were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Thus they rejected his statutes and his covenant that he had cut with their fathers, and his testimonies that he had admonished against them. So they walked after what was vanity and they became vain, and after the nations that were around them, that Yahweh had commanded them to not act like them.

UST

¹⁵ They rejected Yahweh's laws and the covenant that he had made with their ancestors. They ignored Yahweh's warnings. They worshiped worthless idols and as a result they themselves became worthless. Although Yahweh had commanded them not to imitate the behavior of the peoples that lived near them, they disobeyed that command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then they abandoned all the commandments of Yahweh their God, and they made molten metal for themselves, two calves. Also they made an Asherah pole, and they bowed down to all the host of the heavens and they served the Baal.

UST

¹⁶ The Israelite people disobeyed all of Yahweh's commands. They made two metal calves to worship. They set up two poles to worship the goddess Asherah, and they worshiped the god Baal, and the sun, the moon, and the stars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They even made their sons and their daughters pass through in the fire. Also they divined information by sorceries and hissing magic spells. Thus they sold themselves over by doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, as a result provoking him to anger.

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¹⁷ They also burned their own sons and daughters to be sacrifices to those gods. They went to fortune tellers and they practiced sorcery. They continually chose to do all kinds of evil things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

How did the Israelites sell themselves?

The Israelites sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Therefore Yahweh became exceedingly enraged at Israel so he removed them away from his faces. None was left except for the tribe of Judah by itself.

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¹⁸ So because Yahweh was very angry with the Israelite people, he allowed their enemies to take them away from their country. Only the people of the tribe of Judah were left in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Even Judah did not keep the commandments of Yahweh their God, and they walked in the statutes of Israel that they had made.

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¹⁹ But even the people of Judah did not obey the commands of Yahweh their God. They imitated the evil customs that the Israelites had introduced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ So Yahweh rejected all the seed of Israel, so he afflicted them and he gave them into the hand of plunderers, until that he had cast them away from his faces.

UST

²⁰ So Yahweh rejected all the people of Israel and of Judah. He punished them by allowing the armies of other nations to defeat them and take them away. He got rid of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:21**ULT**

²¹ For he tore Israel away from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, king. Then Jeroboam seduced Israel away from following after Yahweh and he made them sin a great sin.

UST

²¹ Earlier, when Yahweh had forced the ten tribes of Israel away from the rule of David's descendants, those tribes had chosen Jeroboam son of Nebat, to be their king. Then Jeroboam enticed the people of Israel to stop worshiping Yahweh and to worship idols instead. He induced them to commit great sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:22**ULT**

²² So the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam, that he did. They did not turn away from it,

UST

²² And the Israelite people continued to do the evil things that Jeroboam introduced. They did not turn away from those sins,

Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight? (vv22-23)

The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them, so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight.

2 Kings 17:23**ULT**

²³ until that Yahweh removed Israel away from his faces, according to what he had spoken by the hand of all his servants the prophets. Thus Israel went into exile away from its land to Assyria, to this day.

UST

²³ so finally Yahweh got rid of them. That was just what his prophets had warned would happen. The Israelite people were taken away to the land of Assyria, and they are still there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then the king of Assyria brought in from Babylon and from Kuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, that he had settle in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. So they took possession of Samaria and they lived in its cities.

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²⁴ The king of Assyria ordered his soldiers to take groups of people from the cities of Babylon, Kuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim to the region of Samaria, and to resettle them in the cities there, to take the place of the Israelites who lived there previously. Those people took control over Samaria and lived in the cities of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:25**ULT**

²⁵ Now it happened at the beginning of their living there, they did not revere Yahweh. So Yahweh sent the lions among them and they were killing among them.

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²⁵ But those people who came from other countries did not worship Yahweh when they first arrived in Samaria. So Yahweh sent lions to kill some of them.

Why did Yahweh send lions among the new nations in Samaria?

The nations in Samaria did not honor Yahweh, so he sent lions among them.

2 Kings 17:26**ULT**

²⁶ So they said to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations that you have exiled and you have settled in the cities of Samaria do not know the judgments of the gods of the land. So he has sent the lions against them, and, look, they are killing them just because none of them know the judgments of the gods of the land."

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²⁶ Then those people sent a message to the king of Assyria. They wrote, "We people who have resettled in the towns of Samaria do not know how to worship the God that the Israelites worshiped in this land. So he has sent lions among us to kill us, because we have not worshiped him correctly."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:27**ULT**

²⁷ So the king of Assyria commanded, by saying, "Have one of the priests go to there whom you have exiled from there, so they will go and they will settle there. Then they will instruct them about the judgments of the gods of the land."

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²⁷ When the king of Assyria read this letter, he commanded his officers, "Send one of the priests whom you brought here from Samaria to go back there. Tell him to teach the people who are now living there how to worship correctly the God whom the Israelites worshiped in that land."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:28**ULT**

²⁸ So one of the priests whom they had exiled from Samaria came and he settled in Bethel. Then he was instructing them how they should revere Yahweh.

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²⁸ So the officers did that. They sent one of the Israelite priests back to Samaria. That priest went to live in the city of Bethel, and he taught the people there how to worship Yahweh.

What did the priest teach the new people in Bethel?

The priest taught them how they should honor Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:29**ULT**

²⁹ However nation by nation they were making its gods, that they permitted to rest in the house at the high places that the Samaritans had made, nation by nation in their cities where they were settling there.

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²⁹ But all those people continued to make their own idols. They took their idols and placed them in the houses that the Samaritan people had built upon the hills all around. Each group of people made their own gods that they worshiped, and each of the gods had a name.

Where did every ethnic group put the gods they made?

Every ethnic group made gods of their own, and put them in the shrines that the Samaritans had made.

2 Kings 17:30**ULT**

³⁰ Thus the men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the men of Kuthah made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

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³⁰ The people from Babylon made idols to represent their god Succoth Benoth. The people from Kuthah made idols to represent their god Nergal. The people from Hamath made idols to represent their god Ashima.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:31**ULT**

³¹ and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak. Also the Sepharvites were burning their sons in the fire to Adrammelek and Anammelek, the gods of Sepharvim.

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³¹ The people from Avva made idols to represent their gods Nibhaz and Tartak. The people from Sepharvaim sacrificed their own children. They completely burned them on altars to be offerings to their gods Adrammelek and Anammelek.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:32**ULT**

³² Although they were reverencing Yahweh, however they made for themselves from their divisions priests of high places, and they were performing on their behalf at the house of the high places.

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³² But those people also worshiped Yahweh, but they also appointed from among their own groups many people to be priests at the places where idols were worshiped on the hills, and these priests could would offer sacrifices for them upon the high places.

Besides their own gods, who did the new nations in Israel honor?

The new nations also honored Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:33**ULT**

³³ They were reverencing Yahweh while their gods they were serving, according to the judgments of the nations that they had exiled them from there.

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³³ So they revered Yahweh, but they also worshiped their own gods, just as their people living in their home countries did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:34**ULT**

³⁴ To this day they are acting according to the earlier judgments. They are not reverencing Yahweh, nor are they acting according to their statutes, and their judgments, and according to the instruction and according to the commandments that Yahweh had commanded the sons of Jacob, whom he set his name as Israel,

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³⁴ These people in Samaria still keep their old customs. They really do not worship Yahweh, and they do not obey all the laws and decrees that Yahweh gave to the descendants of Jacob, to whom he gave the new name Israel.

How did the new people in Israel not honor Yahweh? (vv34-35)

The new people did not honor Yahweh, because he commanded that they must not fear other gods.

2 Kings 17:35**ULT**

³⁵ and Yahweh had cut with them a covenant and he had commanded them by saying, "You must not fear other gods, and you must not bow yourselves down to them, and you must not serve them, and you must not sacrifice to them.

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³⁵ Yahweh had previously made an covenant with the ancestors of Israel, commanding them not to worship other gods or bow down to honor them or do other things to please them or offer sacrifices to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:36**ULT**

³⁶ But only Yahweh, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm, him you must fear, and to him you must bow yourselves down, and to him you must sacrifice.

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³⁶ He had said to them, "You must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, the one who brought you out of Egypt with my very great power. I am the one whom you must bow down to honor, and I am the one to whom you must offer sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:37**ULT**

³⁷ Also the statutes and the judgments, and the instruction and the commandment that he wrote for you, you must surely take care to do all the days, so you must not revere other gods.

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³⁷ You must always obey the laws and decrees that I told Moses to write for you. You must not worship other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:38**ULT**

³⁸ Therefore the covenant that I have cut with you, you must not forget, and you must not revere other gods.

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³⁸ And you must not forget the covenant that I made with your ancestors. You must not fear or respect other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:39**ULT**

³⁹ Surely if Yahweh your God you will revere, then he will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."

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³⁹ Instead, you must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, your God. If you do that, I will rescue you from the power of all your enemies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ But they not heeded,for instead according to their earlier judgments they were behaving.

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⁴⁰ But, the Israelites refused to pay attention to what Yahweh said. Instead, they continued to adhere to their old customs.

How did the nations in Israel not listen?

They did not listen because they continued to do what they had done in the past.

2 Kings 17:41**ULT**

⁴¹ So these nations were reverencing Yahweh while their idols they were serving. Likewise their sons and the sons of their sons, just as their fathers had done, they were doing to this day.

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⁴¹ So, those people worshiped Yahweh, but they also worshiped their idols. And their descendants still do the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18

2 Kings 18:1

ULT

¹ Now it happened in the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah, the king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, the king of Judah, began to reign.

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¹ After King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost three years, Hezekiah son of Ahaz, began to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:2

ULT

² He was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign and he reigned 29 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Abi, the daughter of Zechariah.

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² He was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah and he ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of a man whose name was Zechariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:3

ULT

³ Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that David his father had done.

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³ Hezekiah did things that Yahweh said are right, like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:4**ULT**

⁴ He removed the high places, and he shattered the standing stones, and he cut down the Asherah and he crushed to pieces the serpent of bronze that Moses had made, because up to those days the sons of Israel were offering incense to it. However he called it "Nehushtan."

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⁴ He destroyed the places where people worshiped Yahweh, and he broke into pieces the poles for worshipping the goddess Asherah. He also broke into pieces the bronze replica of a snake that Moses had made. He did that because the people had named it Nehushtan, and they were burning incense in front of it to honor it.

What were the people of Israel doing to the bronze serpent Moses had made?

The people of Israel were burning incense to the bronze serpent Moses had made.

2 Kings 18:5**ULT**

⁵ He trusted in Yahweh, the God of Israel, and after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, or who were before him.

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⁵ Hezekiah trusted in Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped. There was no king who ruled Judah before him or after him who was as devoted to Yahweh as he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:6**ULT**

⁶ For he clung to Yahweh, he did not turn away from following him but he kept his commandments, which Yahweh had commanded Moses.

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⁶ He remained loyal to Yahweh and never disobeyed him. He carefully obeyed all the commandments that Yahweh had given to Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:7**ULT**

⁷ So Yahweh was with him. In every way when he went out, he prospered. Also he rebelled against the king of Assyria and he did not serve him.

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⁷ Yahweh always helped Hezekiah. He was successful in everything he did. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and refused to do what the king of Assyria wanted him to do

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:8**ULT**

⁸ He struck Philistines as far as Gaza and its borders, from a tower of watchmen as well as a fortified city.

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⁸ His army defeated the soldiers of Philistia as far south as the city of Gaza and the nearby villages. They conquered the entire area, from the smallest village with only a watchtower to the largest cities surrounded by walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:9**ULT**

⁹ Now it happened in the fourth year of the King Hezekiah, it was the seventh year of Hoshea, the son of Elah, the king of Israel, Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, came up against Samaria and he encircled around it.

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⁹ After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, and when King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, the army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria invaded Israel and surrounded the city of Samaria.

For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria? (vv9-10)

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

2 Kings 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then they captured it, at the end of three years. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Israel, Samaria was captured.

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¹⁰ In the third year they captured the city. That was when Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost six years, and when Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost nine years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ Next the king of Assyria exiled Israel to Assyria and he led them to Halah, and to Habor, the river of Gozan, and Median cities,

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¹¹ The king of Assyria commanded that the people of Israel be taken to Assyria. Some of them were taken to the city of Halah, some were taken to a place near the Habor River in the region of Gozan, and some were taken to cities where the Mede people group live.

Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria? (vv11-12)

The king of Assyria carried Israel captive away to Assyria because they did not obey the voice of Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 18:12**ULT**

¹² because that they did not heed the voice of Yahweh their God, but they passed aside his covenant, all that Moses, the servant of Yahweh, had commanded, thus they did not heed and they did not do.

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¹² That happened because the Israelites did not obey Yahweh their God. They had disobeyed the covenant that Yahweh had made with their ancestors, and all the laws that Moses, the man who served Yahweh very well, had told them to obey. They would not obey those laws. They would not even listen to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:13**ULT**

¹³ Then in the 14th year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and he conquered them.

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¹³ After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost fourteen years, the army of King Sennacherib of Assyria attacked all the cities in Judah that had walls around them. They did not capture Jerusalem, but they captured all the other cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So Hezekiah, the king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria, to Lachish, saying, "I am at fault. Withdraw from against me. Whatever you place upon me, I will bear." As a result the king of Assyria imposed upon Hezekiah, the king of Judah 300 rounds of silver and 30 rounds of gold.

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¹⁴ King Hezekiah sent a message to Sennacherib, while Sennacherib was in the city of Lachish, saying, "What I have done was wrong. Please tell your soldiers to stop attacking us. If you do that, I will pay you whatever you tell me to." So the king of Assyria said that Hezekiah must pay to him 10,000 kilograms (or about ten metric tons) of silver and 1,000 kilograms (about one metric ton) of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So Hezekiah gave all the silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king.

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¹⁵ So Hezekiah gave to him all the silver that was in the temple and that was stored in his palace.

From where did Hezekiah get silver to give the king of Assyria?

Hezekiah got silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king's palace.

2 Kings 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ At that time Hezekiah chopped off the doors of the temple of Yahweh and the columns that Hezekiah, the king of Judah, had overlaid, and he gave them to the king of Assyria.

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¹⁶ Hezekiah's men also stripped the gold from the doors of the temple and the gold that he himself had put on the doorposts, and he sent all that gold to the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Nevertheless the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshaken from Lachish to the King Hezekiah with a heavily armed army to Jerusalem. So they went up and they came to Jerusalem. Then they went up and they came in and they stood at the channel of the upper reservoir, that was along a raised path in a field of a launderer.

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¹⁷ But the king of Assyria sent a large army with some of his important officials from the city of Lachish to persuade King Hezekiah to surrender. When they arrived at Jerusalem, they stood alongside the aqueduct in which water flows from the upper pool into Jerusalem, near the road to the field where the women wash clothes.

**From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah?
(vv17-18)**

They called to King Hezekiah from the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the launderers' field.

2 Kings 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then they called out to the King, and Eliakim, the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to them.

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¹⁸ They sent a message requesting King Hezekiah to come to them, but the king sent three of his officials to talk to them. He sent Hilkiyah's son Eliakim, who supervised the palace, Shebna, the official secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who communicated the king's messages to the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence in which you have trusted?"

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¹⁹ One of Sennacherib's important officials told them to take this message to Hezekiah: "This is what the king of Assyria, the great king, says: 'What are you trusting in to rescue you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ You have said only a word from lips, a plan and might for battle. Now in whom have you trusted, that you would rebel against me?

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²⁰ You say that you have weapons to fight us and that some country has promised to help you, but that is only talk. Who do you think will help you to rebel against my soldiers from Assyria?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:21**ULT**

²¹ Now, look, you have trusted for yourself in the staff of this bruised reed in Egypt, which should a man lean on it, it would go into his hand and it would puncture it. Thus is Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to anyone who is trusting in him.

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²¹ Listen to me! You are relying on the army of Egypt. But that is like using a broken reed for a walking stick on which you could lean. It would pierce the hand of anyone who would lean on it! That is what the king of Egypt would be like for anyone who relied on him for help.

What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?

If a man leaned on Egypt, it would stick into his hand and pierce it.

2 Kings 18:22**ULT**

²² But although you say to me, 'We trust in Yahweh our God,' is it not he whom Hezekiah has removed his high places and his altars, and he has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'Before this altar you must bow down in Jerusalem?'"

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²² But perhaps you will say to me, "No, we are relying on Yahweh our God to help us." I would reply, "Is he not the one whom you insulted by tearing down his houses on the hills where the idols were worshiped and the altars on which you offered sacrifices, forcing everyone in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to worship only in front of the altar in Jerusalem?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:23**ULT**

²³ So now, I insist, make a pledge with my master, with the king of Assyria, and I will give to you 2000 horses, if you are able to provide for yourself riders for them.

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²³ So I suggest that you make a deal between you and my master, the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, but I do not think that you are able to find two thousand of your men who can ride on them!

What offer did the king of Assyria make?

The king of Assyria offered to give two thousand horses, if Hezekiah was able to find riders for them.

2 Kings 18:24**ULT**

²⁴ So how would you repel the faces of the captain of one of the least servants of my master? Yet you trust for yourself in Egypt for chariotry and horsemen!

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²⁴ You are hoping that the king of Egypt will send chariots and men riding horses to assist you. But they certainly would not be able to defeat even the most unimportant official in my army!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:25**ULT**

²⁵ Now even without Yahweh have I come up against this place in order to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.'

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²⁵ Furthermore, do you think that we have come to destroy Jerusalem without Yahweh's help? It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!"

What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?

Yahweh told the king of Assyria to attack Judah and destroy it.

2 Kings 18:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah said to Rabshekah, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we are listening. So do not speak Judean with us in the ears of the people who are on the wall."

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²⁶ Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the official from Assyria, "Sir, please speak to us in your Aramaic language, because we understand it. Do not speak to us in our Hebrew language, because the people who are standing on the wall will understand it and be frightened."

In what language did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah ask the chief commander to speak?

Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah asked the chief commander to speak in Aramaic.

2 Kings 18:27**ULT**

²⁷ But Rabshekah said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Is it not for the men who are sitting on the wall, about to eat their excrement and to drink their urine with you?"

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²⁷ But the official replied, "Do you think that my master sent me to say these things only to you and not to the people who are standing on the wall? If you reject this message, the people in this city will soon need to eat their own dung and drink their own urine, just like you will, because there will be nothing more for you to eat or drink."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then Rabshekah stood up and he cried out in a loud voice in Judean, and he spoke and he said, "Listen to the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

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²⁸ Then the official stood up and shouted in the Hebrew language to the people sitting on the wall. He said, "Listen this message from the great king, the king of Assyria. He says this:

In what language did the chief commander shout?

The chief commander shouted in the Jews' language.

2 Kings 18:29**ULT**

²⁹ Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah cause deception for yourselves, for he is not be able to pull you out of his hand.

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²⁹ 'Do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you. He will not be able to rescue you from my power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:30**ULT**

³⁰ Also do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, by saying, 'Yahweh will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

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³⁰ Do not allow him to persuade you to rely on Yahweh, saying that Yahweh will rescue you, and that the army of Assyria will never capture this city!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:31**ULT**

³¹ Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make a blessing with me and come out to me. Then eat, each man from his vine, and each man from his fig tree, and drink, each man from the waters of his well,

UST

³¹ Do not pay attention to what Hezekiah says! This is what the king of Assyria says: 'Come out of the city and surrender to me. If you do that, I will arrange for each of you to drink the juice from you own grapevines, and to eat figs from your own trees, and to drink water from your own wells.

What would the king of Assyria let those who make peace with him do?

He would let them eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink from the water in their own cistern.

2 Kings 18:32**ULT**

³² until my coming. Then I will take you to a land like your land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive tree for fresh oil, and honey. Therefore live, and do not die.' So do not listen to Hezekiah when he makes you persuaded by saying, 'Yahweh will deliver us.'

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³² You will be able to do that until we come and take you to a land that is like your land—a land where there is grain to make bread and vineyards to produce grapes for making wine. It will be a land that has plenty of olive trees and honey.' If you do what the king of Assyria commands, you will not die. You will continue to live. Do not allow Hezekiah to persuade you to trust in Yahweh, saying that he will rescue you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:33**ULT**

³³ Indeed, has any gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

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³³ The gods that people of other nations worship have never rescued them from the power of the king of Assyria!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:34**ULT**

³⁴ Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? Indeed, have they rescued Samaria out of my hand?

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³⁴ Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? Did any of their gods delivered Samaria out of my hand?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:35**ULT**

³⁵ Who is among all the gods of the lands that has delivered their land from my hand? Indeed, will Yahweh deliver Jerusalem from my hand?"

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³⁵ None of these gods kept their people from being destroyed by the king of Assyria. Do you think your God Yahweh, can do any better?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:36**ULT**

³⁶ But the people remained silent and they did not answer him a word, for it was a commandment of the king by saying, "You must not answer him."

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³⁶ But the people who were listening were silent. No one said anything, because King Hezekiah had told them, "When the official from Assyria talks to you, do not answer him."

What did King Hezekiah command?

The king commanded the people to not answer the chief commander.

2 Kings 18:37

ULT

³⁷ Then Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who was over the house, and Shebna, the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah being torn of garments, and they reported to him the words of Rabshekah.

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³⁷ Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah went back to Hezekiah with their clothes torn because they were extremely distressed, and they told him what the official from Assyria had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19

2 Kings 19:1

ULT

¹ Now it happened upon the King Hezekiah hearing, that he tore his garments, and he covered himself with sackcloth, and he went into the house of Yahweh.

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¹ When King Hezekiah heard what they reported, he tore his clothes and put on clothes made of rough cloth because he was very distressed. Then he went to the temple to ask God what to do.

What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?

When King Hezekiah heard the report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:2

ULT

² Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the house, and Shebna, the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covering themselves with sackcloth, to Isaiah, the prophet, the son of Amoz.

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² Then he summoned Eliakim and Shebna and the older priests, who were also wearing clothes made of rough sackcloth, and told them to talk to Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:3

ULT

³ Then they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of distress, and rebuke, and humiliation, for sons have come to the birth canal, but there is no strength for childbirth.

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³ He said to them to say these things to Isaiah: "King Hezekiah says that this is a day when we have great distress. Other nations are causing us to be insulted and disgraced like a woman who is about to give birth to a child, but she is not strong enough to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:4**ULT**

⁴ Perhaps Yahweh your God will hear all the words of Rabshekah, because the king of Assyria his master, sent him to defy the living God, and he will decide about the words that Yahweh your God has heard. Now you should lift up a prayer on behalf of the remnant that is found.”

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⁴ Perhaps Yahweh our God has heard everything that the official from Assyria said. Perhaps he knows that his master, the king of Assyria, sent him to insult the all-powerful God and that Yahweh will punish him for what he said. And Hezekiah requests that you pray for the few of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem.”

What did Hezekiah say Yahweh should do?

Hezekiah said Yahweh should hear all the words of Rabshakeh and may rebuke the words which Yahweh heard.

2 Kings 19:5**ULT**

⁵ So the servants of the King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

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⁵ When the messengers from Hezekiah came to Isaiah, and

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:6**ULT**

⁶ and Isaiah said to them, “Thus you will surely say to your master: ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Do not be afraid in the face of the words that you have heard, because the young men of the king of Assyria have reviled me.

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⁶ Isaiah instructed them to go back to their master and tell him what Yahweh says: “Those messengers from the king of Assyria have said evil things about me. But you should not be disturbed because of what they said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:7**ULT**

⁷ Look, I am dispensing a spirit upon him, so he will hear a report. Then he will return to his land and I will make him fall by the sword in his land.”””

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⁷ Listen to this: I will cause Sennacherib to hear a rumor that will worry him, that other armies are about to attack his country. So he will return to his own country, and there I will cause him to be assassinated by some men.”

What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?

Yahweh would put a spirit in him, and the king would hear a certain report and go back to his own land.

2 Kings 19:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Rabshekah returned and he found the king of Assyria was fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had journeyed away from Lachish.

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⁸ The official from Assyria found out that the King of Assyria and his army had left the city of Lachish, and that they were attacking Libnah, which was a nearby city. So the official went there to report to him what had happened in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:9**ULT**

⁹ When he heard concerning Tirhakah, the king of Cush being said, “look, he has gone forth to fight with you,” as a result he returned and he sent messengers to Hezekiah saying:

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⁹ Soon after that, King Sennacherib received a report that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was leading his army to attack them. But before King Sennacherib left Libnah to fight against the army from Ethiopia, he sent other messengers to King Hezekiah with a letter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “Thus you will surely say to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, saying ‘Do not let your God whom you are trusting in him make you deceived, by saying, “Jerusalem will not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

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¹⁰ In the letter he wrote this to Hezekiah: “Do not allow your god on whom you are relying to deceive you by promising that my army will never capture Jerusalem.

According to Sennacherib, in what way did God deceive Hezekiah?

According to Sennacherib, God deceived Hezekiah by saying Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ Look, you yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands by destroying them. However you yourself will be delivered?

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¹¹ You have certainly heard what the armies of the kings of Assyria have done to all the other countries. Our armies have completely destroyed them. So do you think that you will escape?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:12**ULT**

¹² Have the gods of the nations delivered them, when my fathers annihilated Gozan, or Haran, or Rezep, or the sons of Eden who were in Tel Assar?

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¹² Did the gods of the nations that were about to be destroyed by the armies of the previous kings of Assyria rescue them? Did those gods rescue the people in the region of Gozan or in the cities of Haran and Rezep in northern Aram? Did they rescue the people of Eden who had been deported to the city of Tel Assar? None of the gods of those cities was able to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:13**ULT**

¹³ Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?"

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¹³ What happened to the kings of the cities of Hamath, Arpad, Sepharvaim, and Ivvah? They are all dead."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Hezekiah took the letters from the hand of the messengers and he read them. Afterwards he went up to the house of Yahweh and Hezekiah spread it out before the faces of Yahweh.

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¹⁴ Hezekiah received the letter that the messengers gave him, and he read it. Then he went up to the temple and spread out the letter in front of Yahweh.

Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?

Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed before the faces of Yahweh and he said, "O Yahweh, the God of Israel, dwelling amid the cherubim, you are he, the true God, you alone are over all the kingdoms of the earth. You yourself made the heavens and the earth.

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¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed this: "Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, you are seated on your throne above the statues of creatures with wings, above the sacred chest. Only you are truly God. You rule all the kingdoms on this earth. You are the one who created everything on the earth and in the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Incline your ear, O Yahweh, and hear. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to taunt the living God.

UST

¹⁶ So, Yahweh, please listen to what I am saying, and look at what is happening. And listen to what King Sennacherib has said to insult you, the all-powerful God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Truly, O Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their land.

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¹⁷ Yahweh, it is true that the armies of the kings of Assyria have completely destroyed many nations and ruined their lands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Also they have put their gods into the fire, for they are not gods but rather a work of hands of man, some wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.

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¹⁸ And they have thrown the idols of those nations into fires and burned them. But that was not difficult to do, because they were not gods. They were only statues made of wood and stone, idols that were shaped by humans, and that is why they were destroyed easily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:19**ULT**

¹⁹ So now, O Yahweh our God, deliver us please from his hand, so all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you, Yahweh, are God, you alone."

UST

¹⁹ So now, Yahweh our God, please rescue us from the power of the king of Assyria, in order that the people in all the kingdoms of the world may know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who is truly God."

Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?

Yahweh should save the people of Judah so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh is God alone.

2 Kings 19:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Isaiah, the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, I have listened attentively.

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²⁰ Then Isaiah sent this message to Hezekiah to tell him what Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belonged, said in response: "I have heard what you prayed to me about Sennacherib, the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:21**ULT**

²¹ This is the word that Yahweh has spoken about him: "A maiden, the daughter of Zion has contempt for you, has derision for you. The daughter of Jerusalem shakes a head at you.

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²¹ This is what I say to that king: The people of Jerusalem despise you and make fun of you. They wag their heads to mock you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:22**ULT**

²² Whom have you taunted and have you reviled? And against whom have you raised a voice and have you lifted your eyes upward? Against the Holy One of Israel!

UST

²² Who do you think that you were despising and ridiculing? Who do you think you were shouting at? Who do you think you were looking at very proudly? It was I, the holy God whom the Israelites worship.

Against whom did the king of Assyria exalt his voice?

The king of Assyria exalted his voice against the Holy One of Israel!

2 Kings 19:23**ULT**

²³ By the hand of your messengers you have defiled my Lord, and you have said, 'With the multitude of my chariotry I myself have gone up to heights of mountains, the remotest parts of Lebanon. Then I will cut down the tallest of its cedars, the choicest of its cypress trees. Thus I may enter into its remotest lodging place, the thicket of its orchards.

UST

²³ The messengers whom you sent made fun of me. You said, 'With my many chariots I have gone to the highest mountains, to the highest mountains in Lebanon. We have cut down its tallest cedar trees and its best cedar trees. We have been to the most distant peaks and to its densest forests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:24**ULT**

²⁴ I myself have dug and I have drunk foreign waters. Indeed, I have dried up all the rivers of Egypt with the sole of my footstep.'

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²⁴ We have dug wells in other countries and drunk water from them. And by marching through the streams of Egypt, we dried them all up!

Who said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet?

Sennacherib said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet.

2 Kings 19:25**ULT**

²⁵ Have you not heard for long ago I designed it, for from days of old that I formed it? Now I have brought it and it will happen by laying waste, fortified cities being devastated into ruins.

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²⁵ But I reply, 'Have you never heard that long ago I planned that those things would happen? I planned it long ago, and now I have been causing it to occur. I planned that your army would have the power to capture many cities that were surrounded by high walls, and cause them to become piles of rubble.

Who determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins?

Yahweh determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins.

2 Kings 19:26**ULT**

²⁶ Meanwhile, their inhabitants, being deficient of hand, they were in panic and they were ashamed. They were an herb of a field, or a vegetable in sprout, grass on roofs or blighted before being a stalk.

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²⁶ The people who lived in those cities have no power, and as a result they became dismayed and discouraged. They are as frail as plants and grass in the fields, as frail as grass that grows on the roofs of houses and is scorched before it can grow tall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:27**ULT**

²⁷ But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging against me.

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²⁷ But I know everything about you. I know when you are in your house and when you go outside; I also know that you are raging against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:28**ULT**

²⁸ Because of your raging against me, and your arrogance has come up into my ears, now I will put my ring in your nose, and my bit in your lips. So I will turn you back on the way that you have come on it."

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²⁸ So, because you have raged against me, and because I have heard you do this, it will be as though I will put a hook in your nose, and I will put an iron bit in your mouth, in order that I can take you where I want you to go. I will force you to return to your own country on the same road on which you came here, without conquering Jerusalem.'

What would Yahweh put in Sennacherib's nose?

Yahweh would put his hook in Sennacherib's nose

2 Kings 19:29**ULT**

²⁹ Now this will be the sign for you: this year eating only what grows on its own, and in the second year aftergrowth. But in the third year you must sow and you must harvest, and you must plant vineyards and you must eat their fruit.

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²⁹ Now I say this to Hezekiah: 'This is what will happen to prove that I am telling the truth: This year and next year you and your people will be able to harvest only wild grain. But the following year, you Israelites will be able to plant grain and harvest it, and to plant vineyards and eat the grapes.

What would be the sign for Hezekiah?

The sign would be that the people of Judah would eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that.

2 Kings 19:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then the escaped portion of the house of Judah who are remaining will again be a root going downward and it will make fruit going upward.

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³⁰ The people in Judah who remain alive will prosper and have many children; they will be like plants whose roots go deep down into the ground and which produce much fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:31**ULT**

³¹ For out of Jerusalem a remnant will come forth, and an escaped portion from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh will accomplish this.

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³¹ There will be many people in Jerusalem who will remain alive, because I, Yahweh, commander of the armies, have planned it to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:32**ULT**

³² Therefore thus says Yahweh concerning the king of Assyria: "He will not enter into this city and he will not shoot an arrow there. Indeed, he will not confront it with shield, and he will not pour out a siege ramp against it.

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³² So this is what I, Yahweh, say about the king of Assyria: "His armies will not enter this city; they will not even shoot any arrows into it. His soldiers will not march outside the city gates carrying shields, and they will not even build high mounds of earth against the city walls to enable them to attack the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:33**ULT**

³³ By the way which he comes, by it he will return, and he will not enter into this city, the declaration of Yahweh,

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³³ Their king will return to his own country on the same road on which he came here. He will not enter this city. That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:34**ULT**

³⁴ For I will cover over this city in order to save it, for my sake and for the sake of David, my servant.”

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³⁴ I will defend this city and prevent it from being destroyed. I will do this for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised to King David, who served me well.”

Why would Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

Yahweh would defend Jerusalem for his own sake and for his servant David’s sake.

2 Kings 19:35**ULT**

³⁵ Now it happened during that night that the messenger of Yahweh went forth and he struck against the camp of Assyria, 185,000. When they arose early in the morning, indeed, look, all of them dead bodies.

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³⁵ That night, an angel from Yahweh went out to where the army of Assyria had put up their tents, and killed 185,000 of their soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw that there were corpses everywhere.

How did Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

Yahweh went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers.

2 Kings 19:36**ULT**

³⁶ So he journeyed, and he went and Sennacherib, the king of Assyria returned and he stayed in Nineveh.

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³⁶ Then King Sennacherib left and went home to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:37**ULT**

³⁷ Now it happened as he was bowing down at the house of Nisrok, his gods, that Adrammelek and Sharezer struck him down with the sword. Then they escaped into the land of Ararat, and Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

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³⁷ One day, when he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his two sons, Adrammelek and Sharezer, killed him with their swords. Then they escaped and went to the region of Ararat, northwest of Nineveh. And another of Sennacherib's sons, Esarhaddon, became the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20

2 Kings 20:1

ULT

¹ In those days Hezekiah became sick, about to die when Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him, and he said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Give instruction to your house, for you are dying, and you will not live.'"

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¹ About that time, Hezekiah became very ill. He thought that he was about to die. Isaiah the prophet came to him and said, "This is what Yahweh says: 'You should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die, because you are not going to recover from this illness. You are going to die.'"

What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?

Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order for he would die.

2 Kings 20:2

ULT

² Then he turned his face to the wall and he prayed to Yahweh, saying,

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² Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:3

ULT

³ "I pray, O Yahweh, please remember how I walked about before your face in faithfulness and a whole heart, and the good in your eyes I have done." Then Hezekiah wept a loud weeping.

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³ "Yahweh, do not forget that I have always served you faithfully with all my inner being, and I have done things that pleased you." Then Hezekiah started to cry loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:4**ULT**

⁴ Now it happened Isaiah had not gone out to the middle courtyard when the word of Yahweh came to him, saying,

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⁴ Isaiah left the king, but before he had crossed the middle courtyard of the palace, Yahweh gave him a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:5**ULT**

⁵ "Turn back, and you must say to Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears. Here I am, a healer for you. On the third day you will go up to the house of Yahweh.

UST

⁵ He said, "Go back to Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, and say to him, 'I, Yahweh, the God whom your ancestor King David worshiped, have heard what you prayed. And I have seen your tears. So, listen, I am going to heal you. Two days from now you will be able to go up to my temple.

Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah's prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

2 Kings 20:6**ULT**

⁶ Now I will add 15 years to your days, and I will rescue you and this city from the palm of the king of Assyria. Indeed I will hedge about this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.'"

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⁶ I will enable you to live for fifteen more years. And I will rescue you and this city again from the power of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised King David, who served me well."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:7**ULT**

⁷ Then Isaiah said, "Take a pressed cake of figs." So they took and they set on the inflamed spot, and he recovered.

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⁷ Isaiah returned to the palace and told Hezekiah what Yahweh had said. Then he said to Hezekiah's servants, "Bring a paste made of boiled figs. Put some of it on his boils, and he will get well." The servants did that, and the king recovered.

How did Hezekiah recover?

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

2 Kings 20:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What is the sign that Yahweh will heal for me, so I will go up to the house of Yahweh on the third day?"

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⁸ Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "What will Yahweh do to prove that he will heal me and that two days from now I will be able to go up to the temple?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:9**ULT**

⁹ So Isaiah replied, "This will be the sign for you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do the thing that he has spoken. Has the shadow gone forward ten steps, or it will turn back ten steps?"

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⁹ Isaiah replied, "Yahweh will do something that will prove to you that he will do what he promised. Do you want him to cause the shadow on the stairway to go back ten steps or to go forward ten steps?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then Hezekiah said, "It is easy for the shadow to go down ten steps. No, rather the shadow should turn backward ten steps."

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¹⁰ Hezekiah replied, "It is easy for the shadow to move forward, because that is what it always does. Ask Yahweh to make it move backward ten steps on the stairway that King Ahaz ordered his servants to build."

How did Yahweh change the shadow? (vv10-11)

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward, from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

2 Kings 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ So Isaiah the prophet cried out to Yahweh, and he reversed the shadow on the steps so that it went down on the steps of Ahaz backwards ten steps.

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¹¹ So Isaiah prayed earnestly to Yahweh, and Yahweh caused the shadow to go backward ten steps on the stairway of king Ahaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:12**ULT**

¹² At that time Berodak-Baladan, the son of Baladan, the king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had become sick.

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¹² At that time, King Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan, the previous king of Babylonia, heard a report that King Hezekiah had been very sick. So he wrote some letters and gave them to some messengers to take to Hezekiah, along with a gift.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:13**ULT**

¹³ Now Hezekiah heeded to them, and he showed them all his storehouse of value: the silver and the gold, and the spices and the best oil, and the storehouse of his armaments, and all that was found in his storehouses. There was not anything that Hezekiah did not show them, in his house or in all his realm.

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¹³ When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. Then he showed them all the treasure that was in his palace and treasuries—the silver and gold, the spices, the nice-smelling olive oil, and all the weapons for his soldiers. There were no valuable things in his storerooms or anywhere else in his kingdom that he did not show them.

What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?

Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

2 Kings 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Isaiah the prophet came to the king Hezekiah and he said to him, “What did these men say, and from where are they coming to you?” So Hezekiah replied, “They have come from a distant land, from Babylon.”

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¹⁴ Then the prophet Isaiah went to Hezekiah and asked him, “Where did those men come from, and what did they say to you?” Hezekiah replied, “They came from a country very far from here. They came from Babylonia.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then he said, “What did they see in your house?” So Hezekiah replied, “They have seen everything that is in my house. There was not anything that I have not shown them in my storehouses.”

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¹⁵ Isaiah asked, “What did they see in your palace?” Hezekiah replied, “They saw everything. I showed them absolutely everything that I own—all my valuable things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of Yahweh:

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¹⁶ Isaiah knew that Hezekiah had done a very foolish thing. So Isaiah said to him, "Listen to what Yahweh says to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ 'Look, days are coming when everything that is in your house, and that your fathers stored away to this day, will be carried to Babylon. Not anything will be left, says Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ There will be a time when everything that is still in your palace, all the valuable things that were put there by you and your ancestors, will be carried away to Babylon. There will be nothing left here! That is what Yahweh says to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Also from your sons who will come forth from you, who you will father, they will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

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¹⁸ Furthermore, some of your own descendants will be forced to go there, and they will be castrated in order that they may become servants in the palace of the king of Babylon."

What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?

The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "Good is the word of Yahweh that you have spoken." For he said, "Is it not, if there will be peace and stability in my days?"

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¹⁹ Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "The message from Yahweh that you have given to me is good." He said that because he was thinking, "Even if that happens, there will be peace and security in Israel all during the remaining time that I remain alive."

Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

2 Kings 20:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now the rest of the matters of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the reservoir and the tunnel, and he brought the waters into the city, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

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²⁰ If you want to know more about all the other things that Hezekiah did, about his brave deeds in battle, about how he commanded his people to build a reservoir in the city and a tunnel to be dug to bring water into the reservoir, they are all written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:21**ULT**

²¹ So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his son became king in his place.

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²¹ Later Hezekiah died, and his son Manasseh became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21

2 Kings 21:1

ULT

¹ Now Manasseh was a son of 12 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 55 years in Jerusalem, and the name of his mother was Hephzibah.

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¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to rule. He ruled Judah for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother was Hephzibah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:2

ULT

² Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had driven out away from the faces of the sons of Israel.

UST

² He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He imitated the disgusting things that were formerly done by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven out from the land of Israel as his people advanced through the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:3

ULT

³ For he turned back, and he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he set up altars for Baal, and he made an Asherah pole, just as Ahab, the king of Israel, had done, and he bowed down to all the host of the heavens and he served them.

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³ He commanded his workers to rebuild the places of idol worship built on the hills. Those were the very high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed. He directed his workers to build altars to offer sacrifices of living creatures to Baal. Manasseh made a statue of the goddess Asherah, as Ahab the king of Israel had done previously. And Manasseh worshiped the stars and he served them.

What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

2 Kings 21:4**ULT**

⁴ He also built altars in the house of Yahweh, where Yahweh had said, "In Jerusalem I will place my."

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⁴ He directed his workers to build altars for worshiping foreign gods in the temple of Yahweh, even though Yahweh had said, "It is here in Jerusalem where I want people to worship me, forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:5**ULT**

⁵ He also built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Yahweh.

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⁵ He directed that altars for worshiping the stars be built in both of the courtyards in the temple grounds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:6**ULT**

⁶ He even made his son pass through in the fire, and he interpreted clouds as sorcery and he practiced divination and he practiced seeking information from the dead and conjurers. He escalated to do this evil in the eyes of Yahweh, thus provoking anger.

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⁶ He even sacrificed his own son and burned him in the fire. He performed rituals to practice sorcery and spells. He also went to people who consulted the spirits of dead people to find out what would happen in the future. He did many things that Yahweh said are extremely evil, things that caused Yahweh to become very angry.

With whom did Manasseh consult?

Manasseh consulted with those who talked with the dead and with those who talked with spirits.

2 Kings 21:7**ULT**

⁷ Then he placed the idol of the Asherah, that he had made, in the house about which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will place my name for ever."

UST

⁷ He placed the statue of the goddess Asherah in the temple, the place about which Yahweh had said to David and his son Solomon, "My temple will be here in Jerusalem. This is the city that I have chosen from all the territory of the twelve tribes of Israel, where I want people to worship me forever."

What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?

Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 21:8**ULT**

⁸ Also I would not permit anymore to make the foot of Israel wander away from the ground that I gave to their fathers, if only they would take care to do according to all that I have commanded them, and to all the instruction that my servant Moses commanded them."

UST

⁸ And if the Israelite people obey all my commands and all the laws that I gave to Moses, the man who served me very well, I will not again force them to leave this land that I gave to their ancestors."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:9**ULT**

⁹ But they did not listen, and Manasseh led them astray by doing what was evil, more than the nations that Yahweh had destroyed before the faces of the sons of Israel.

UST

⁹ But the people did not pay attention to Yahweh. Manasseh persuaded them to commit sins that were more evil than the sins that were committed by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven from the land as the Israelite people advanced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So Yahweh spoke by the hand of his servants the prophets, by saying,

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¹⁰ These are some of the things that Yahweh said through his prophets. Many times Yahweh had given them these messages:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ "By reason that Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these abominations, that which is evil, more than all that the Amorite who was before him had done, and he has also made Judah sin with its idols,

UST

¹¹ "Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these abominable things, things that are much worse than the things that the Amor people group did in this land long ago. He has lead the people of Judah to sin against Yahweh by worshiping the idols that he worshiped.

Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?

Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

2 Kings 21:12**ULT**

¹² therefore thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: Look, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah that all hearing it, his two ears will quiver.

UST

¹² Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom you Israelite people worship, says to you: I am about to cause disaster to come to Jerusalem and the rest of Judah. It will be terrible, with the result that everyone who hears about it will be stunned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:13**ULT**

¹³ So I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria, and the plumb bob of the house of Ahab. I will wipe Jerusalem just as one wipes a bowl, he wipes and it turns on its face.

UST

¹³ I will judge and punish the people of Jerusalem as I punished the family of King Ahab of Israel. I will remove the people of Jerusalem as people wipe a plate clean and then turn it upside down to show that they are now satisfied.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Indeed I will leave the remnant of my inheritance alone and I will give them into the hand of their enemies. Thus they will be for spoil and for plunder for all their enemies,

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¹⁴ And I will abandon the people who remain alive, and I will allow their enemies to conquer them and steal everything valuable from their land.

Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies? (vv14-15)

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because they did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, and provoked him to anger.

2 Kings 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ by reason that they have done what is evil in my eyes, and they have been provoking me to anger from the day that their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day."

UST

¹⁵ I will do this because my people have done things that I say are very evil, things which have caused me to become very angry. They have caused me to become angry continually, ever since the time that their ancestors left Egypt."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Indeed, Manasseh even poured out exceedingly much innocent blood, until that he had filled Jerusalem mouth to mouth, beside his sinfulness that he made Judah sin by doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

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¹⁶ Manasseh commanded his officials to kill many innocent people in Jerusalem, with the result that their blood flowed in the streets. He did this in addition to persuading the people of Judah to do many things that Yahweh said were evil.

How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

2 Kings 21:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now the rest of the matters concerning Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

¹⁷ If you want to know more about all the things that Manasseh did, and the sin that he committed, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then Manasseh slept with his fathers and he was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza. Then Amon his son became king in his place.

UST

¹⁸ Manasseh died and was buried in the garden outside his palace, the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Amon became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Amon was a son of 22 years upon his becoming king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz from Jotbah.

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¹⁹ Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king. He ruled Judah from Jerusalem for only two years. His mother's name was Meshullemeth. She was from the city of Jotbah, and was the daughter of Haruz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as Manasseh his father had done.

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²⁰ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his father Manasseh had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:21**ULT**

²¹ For he walked in all the way that his father had walked and he served the idols that his father had served, and he bowed down to them.

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²¹ He imitated the behavior of his father, and he worshiped the same idols that his father had worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:22**ULT**

²² Thus he abandoned Yahweh, the God of his fathers, and he did not walk in the way of Yahweh.

UST

²² He abandoned Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors had worshiped, and did not behave as Yahweh wanted him to behave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:23**ULT**

²³ Then the servants of Amon conspired against him and they put the king to death in his house.

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²³ Then one day some of his officials made plans to kill him. They assassinated him in the palace.

How did Amon die?

The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

2 Kings 21:24**ULT**

²⁴ However the people of the land struck down all who were conspiring against the King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

UST

²⁴ But then the people of Judah killed all those who had assassinated King Amon, and they appointed his son Josiah to be their king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:25**ULT**

²⁵ As for the rest of the matters concerning Amon that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

²⁵ If you want to read about the other things that Amon did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:26

ULT

²⁶ Thus he buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.

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²⁶ Amon was also buried in the tomb in the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Josiah became the king.

Where was Amon buried?

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

2 Kings 22

2 Kings 22:1

ULT

¹ Josiah was a son of eight years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 31 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Yedidah, the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath.

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¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah and his grandfather was Adaiah from the city of Bozkath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:2

ULT

² Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh. Indeed he walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn away, right or left.

UST

² Josiah did things that were pleasing to Yahweh and conducted his life as his ancestor King David had done. He fully obeyed all the laws of God.

How did Josiah walk?

Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:3

ULT

³ Now it happened in the 18th year of the king Josiah, the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of Yahweh, saying,

UST

³ After Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, he sent his secretary Shaphan son of Azaliah and grandson of Meshullam, to the temple with these instructions:

What did Josiah want Hilkiah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh? (vv3-5)

Josiah wanted Hilkiah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:4**ULT**

⁴ "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest so he will use up the silver that has been brought into the house of Yahweh, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered from the people.

UST

⁴ "Go to Hilkiah, the high priest, and tell him to give me a report, telling me how much money the men who guard the doors of the temple have collected from the people as offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:5**ULT**

⁵ Then let it be given into the hand of the ones doing the work, the ones overseeing at the house of Yahweh, so they will give it to the ones doing the work who are in the house of Yahweh, to strengthen the breach of the house,

UST

⁵ Then tell him to give all that money to the men who are supervising the work of repairing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:6**ULT**

⁶ to the craftsmen, and to the builders, and to the masons, also to buy timbers and stones from a quarry in order to strengthen the house."

UST

⁶ They must give that money to the carpenters, the builders, and the masons, and they should also buy the timber and the stones that they will use to repair the temple."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:7**ULT**

⁷ However the silver that was given into their hand was not accounted for by them, because they acted with trustworthiness.

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⁷ But the men who supervise the work will not be required to make a report on the money that is given to them, saying what they spent it for, because those men are completely honest.

Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

2 Kings 22:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the scroll of the instruction in the house of Yahweh." So Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.

UST

⁸ After Shaphan the king's secretary said that to Hilkiyah, Hilkiyah said to Shaphan, "I have found in the temple a scroll on which is written the laws that God gave to Moses!" Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he started to read it.

What did Hilkiyah find in the house of Yahweh?

Hilkiyah found the book of the law in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:9**ULT**

⁹ Then Shaphan the scribe came in to the king and he returned a report to the king, and he said, "Your servants have poured out the silver that was found in the house and they have given it into the hand of the ones doing the work, the ones overseeing the house of Yahweh."

UST

⁹ Then Shaphan took the scroll to the king and said to him, "Your temple guards have taken the money that was in the temple, and they have given it to the men who will supervise the work of repairing the temple."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then Shaphan the scribe explained to the king by saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given to me a scroll." Then Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.

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¹⁰ Then Shaphan said to the king, "I have brought to you a scroll that Hilkiah gave to me." And Shaphan started to read it to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now it happened upon the king hearing the words in the scroll of the instruction, that he tore his garments.

UST

¹¹ When the king heard the laws that were written in the scroll that Shaphan was reading to him, he tore his clothes because he was very upset.

When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?

When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

2 Kings 22:12**ULT**

¹² Then the king commanded Hilkiah, the priest, and Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Akbor, the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan, the scribe, and Asaiah, the servant of the king, by saying,

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¹² Then he gave these instructions to Hilkiah, to Shaphan's son Ahikam, to Micaiah's son Akbor, and to Asaiah, the king's special advisor:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:13**ULT**

¹³ “Go! Inquire of Yahweh, on behalf of me, and on behalf of the people, and on behalf of all Judah, concerning the words of this scroll that has been found. For great is the wrath of Yahweh because it has been kindled against us by reason that our fathers did not heed to the words of this scroll by doing according to all that was written for us.”

UST

¹³ “Go and ask Yahweh for me and for all the people of Judah, about what is written in this scroll that has been found. Because it is clear that Yahweh is very angry with us because our ancestors disobeyed the things that are written on this scroll, things that we should have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Akbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah, the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the garments. Now she was living in Jerusalem in the second part, and they spoke to her.

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¹⁴ So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah, who was a prophetess who lived in the newer part of Jerusalem. Her husband Shallum son of Tikvah and grandson of Harhas, took care of the robes that were worn in the temple. Those five men told her about the scroll.

Where did Huldah live?

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

2 Kings 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then she said to them, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘Say to the man who sent you to me,

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¹⁵ She then told them what Yahweh the God whom the Israelites worship says, “Yahweh has a message for the king who sent you to me, and this is what Yahweh says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ "Thus says Yahweh: 'Look, I am bringing disaster to this place and to its inhabitants, all the things in the scroll that the king of Judah has read.'

UST

¹⁶ 'Listen to this carefully. I am going to bring a disaster on Jerusalem and all the people who live here, which is what was written in the scroll that the king has read.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ "Because that they have forsaken me and they have burned incense to other gods, thus provoking me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore my wrath is kindled against this place, and it will not go out.'"

UST

¹⁷ I will do that because they have abandoned me, and they burn incense to honor other gods. They have caused me to become very angry by all the idols that they have made, and my anger is like a fire that will not be put out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ "But to the king of Judah, the one sending you to inquire of Yahweh, thus you must say to him: 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'The things that you have heard,

UST

¹⁸ The king of Judah sent you to inquire what I, Yahweh, want him to do. This is what you should say to him, "You have paid attention to what was written in the scroll.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ because your heart became tender, and you have humbled yourself before the presence of Yahweh, upon your hearing what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, to become into a horror and as a curse, and you have torn your garments and you have wept before my face, so also I have heard, an utterance of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁹ Also, you have repented and humbled yourself when you heard what I threatened to do to punish this city and the people who live here, I have heard what you prayed. I said that I would cause this city to be abandoned. It will be a city whose name people will use when they curse someone. But because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you.

Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender, and because he humbled himself before Yahweh, and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ So therefore, I am gathering you to your fathers, indeed you will be gathered to your sepulchers in peace. Thus your eyes will not look upon all the disaster that I am bringing upon this place. "" So they brought the king back a message.

UST

²⁰ So I will allow you to die and be buried peacefully. I will cause a great disaster to come to this place, but you will not be alive to see it. "" After the men heard that, they returned to King Josiah and gave him that message.

What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

2 Kings 23

2 Kings 23:1

ULT

¹ As a result the king sent and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

¹ Then the king summoned all the elders of Jerusalem and of the other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:2

ULT

² Then the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and every man of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both from small and to great. Next he read in their ears all the words of the scroll of the covenant that had been found in the house of Yahweh.

UST

² They went together to the temple, along with the priests and the prophets, and many other people, from the most important people to the least important people. And while they listened, the king read to them all of the laws that Moses had written. He read from the scroll that had been found in the temple.

In whose hearing did the king read all the words of the book of the covenant?

The king read all the words of the book of the covenant in the hearing of all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great.

2 Kings 23:3

ULT

³ Then the king stood by the pillar and he cut the covenant in the presence of Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with a whole heart and with a whole being, in order to perpetuate the words of this covenant that were written in this scroll. So all the people stood by the covenant.

UST

³ Then the king stood next to the pillar where the kings stood when they made important announcements, and, while Yahweh was listening, he repeated his promise to sincerely obey with his inner being the covenant. And all the people also promised to obey the covenant.

What did all the people agree to do?

All the people agreed to stand by the covenant.

2 Kings 23:4**ULT**

⁴ Next the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of Yahweh all the vessels that were made for the Baal and for the Asherah, and for all the host of the heavens. Then he burned them towards outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron and he carried their ashes to Bethel.

UST

⁴ Then the king gave a command to Hilkiah, the high priest, to all the other priests who assisted him, and to the men who guarded the entrance to the temple. He told them to bring out from the temple all the items that people had been using to worship Baal, the goddess Asherah, and the stars. After they carried them out, they burned all those things outside the city in the Kidron Valley. Then they took all the ashes to Bethel.

What did the king burn outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley?

The king burned all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley.

2 Kings 23:5**ULT**

⁵ Also he made the pagan priests cease, whom the kings of Judah had designated so he burned incense at the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places around Jerusalem, and who were burning incense to the Baal, and to the sun, and to the moon, and to the constellations of the zodiac, and to all the host of the heavens.

UST

⁵ There were many pagan priests whom the previous kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense on the altars scattered throughout the region of Judah and to worship on the high places that they had built on the hills. They had been offering sacrifices to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, the planets, and the stars. The king stopped them from doing those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:6**ULT**

⁶ Then he brought out the Asherah pole from the house of Yahweh, to outside of Jerusalem to the wadi Kidron and he burned it in the wadi Kidron. Then he made a powder of dust and he threw its dust over the burial area of the sons of the people.

UST

⁶ He commanded that the statue of the goddess Asherah be taken out of the temple. Then they took it outside Jerusalem, down to the Kidron Valley, and burned it. Then they pounded the ashes to powder and scattered that over the graves of ordinary people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:7**ULT**

⁷ He also tore down the houses for the male temple prostitutes that were by the house of Yahweh, where the women were weaving houses for Asherah there.

UST

⁷ He also took everything out of the rooms in the temple where the temple male prostitutes lived. That was where women wove robes that were used to worship the goddess Asherah.

What rooms did the king clear out?

The king cleared out the rooms of the male prostitutes who were in the temple of Yahweh.

2 Kings 23:8**ULT**

⁸ Then he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah and he defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense on there, from Geba as far as Beersheba. He also tore down the high places at the gates that were along the entrance of the gate of Joshua, the prince of the city, that were at the left side of anyone at the gate of the city.

UST

⁸⁻⁹ Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who were offering sacrifices in the other cities of Judah. He also desecrated the places on the hills where the priests had burned incense to honor idols, from Geba in the north to Beersheba in the south. Those priests were not allowed to offer sacrifices in the temple, but they were allowed to eat the unleavened bread that the priests who worked in the temple ate. He also commanded that the altars that were near the gate built by Joshua, the mayor of Jerusalem, be destroyed. Those altars were at the left of the main gate into the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:9**ULT**

⁹ Although the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of Yahweh in Jerusalem, nevertheless they still ate unleavened bread in the midst of their brothers.

UST

⁸⁻⁹ Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who were offering sacrifices in the other cities of Judah. He also desecrated the places on the hills where the priests had burned incense to honor idols, from Geba in the north to Beersheba in the south. Those priests were not allowed to offer sacrifices in the temple, but they were allowed to eat the unleavened bread that the priests who worked in the temple ate. He also commanded that the altars that were near the gate built by Joshua, the mayor of Jerusalem, be destroyed. Those altars were at the left of the main gate into the city.

Where were the priests of those shrines where incense was burned allowed to eat unleavened bread?

The priests of those shrines where incense was burned were allowed to eat unleavened bread in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He also defiled the Topheth, which was in the Valley of the son of Hinnom, so as not to allow anyone to make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to the Molech.

UST

¹⁰ Josiah also desecrated the place named Topheth, in the Ben Hinnom Valley, in order that no one could offer his son or daughter there to be completely burned on the altar as a sacrifice to the god Molech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then he put an end to the horses that the kings of Judah had given over to the sun, away from coming into the house of Yahweh, to the chamber of Nathan-Melek, the eunuch, that was in the annex. He also burned the chariots of the sun in the fire.

UST

¹¹ He also removed the horses that the previous kings of Judah had dedicated to worshiping the sun, and he burned the chariots that were used in that worship. Those horses and chariots were kept in the courtyard outside the temple, near the entrance to the temple, and near the room where one of Josiah's officials lived, whose name was Nathan-Melek.

Where were the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun?

The horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun were in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan Melech.

2 Kings 23:12**ULT**

¹² Also the king tore down the altars that were on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, that the kings of Judah had made, and the altars that Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of Yahweh. Then he ran from there and he threw their dust into the wadi Kidron.

UST

¹² Josiah also commanded his servants to tear down the altars that the previous kings of Judah had built on the palace roof, above the room where King Ahaz had stayed. They also tore down the altars that had been built by King Manasseh in the two courtyards outside the temple. He commanded that they be smashed to pieces and thrown down into the Kidron Valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:13**ULT**

¹³ Also the king defiled the high places that were on the front face of Jerusalem, that were at the right of the mount of corruption that Solomon, the king of Israel, had built for Ashtoreth, the detestable idol of the Sidonians and for Chemosh, the detestable idol of Moab, and for Milcom, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

UST

¹³ He also commanded that the altars that King Solomon had built east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of Olives—the so-called Mount of Corruption—be desecrated. Solomon had built them for the worship of the disgusting idols—the statue of the goddess Ashtoreth worshiped by the people in the city of Sidon, Chemosh the god of the Moab people group, and Molech the god of the Ammon people group.

Who built the Mount of Corruption?

Solomon king of Israel built the Mount of Corruption.

2 Kings 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then he broke the standing pillars into pieces and cut down the Asherah poles and he filled their places with human bones.

UST

¹⁴ They also broke into pieces the stone pillars that the Israelite people worshiped, and cut down the poles that honored the goddess Asherah, and they scattered the ground there with human bones to desecrate it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then he also tore down the altar that was at Bethel, the high place that Jeroboam, the son of Nebat had made, by which he had caused Israel to sin, both that altar and the high place he burned down. He pulverized the high place into dust and he burned an Asherah pole.

UST

¹⁵ Furthermore, he commanded them to tear down the place of worship that was near the city of Bethel, the very same place of worship that had been built by King Jeroboam (whose father was Nebat, the same man who made Israel to sin against Yahweh). Josiah led the people of Israel to tear down that altar that was on the high hill, and they also burned the wooden pole used in the worship of the idol that had the name "Asherah."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ When Josiah turned and he saw the graves that were there on the hillside, then he sent out and he took the bones from the graves. Then he burned on the altar, thus he defiled it according to the word of Yahweh which the man of God had proclaimed, who had proclaimed these things.

UST

¹⁶ Then Josiah looked around and saw some tombs on the hill. He commanded his men to take the bones out of those tombs and burn them on the altar. By doing that, he desecrated the altar. These events were predicted many years before when Yahweh gave his word to Israel by his prophet.

Why did Josiah burn bones on the altar at Bethel?

He burned bones on the altar to defile it.

2 Kings 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then he said, "What is this monument that I am seeing?" So the men of the city replied to him, "The grave of the man of God who came from Judah and he proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel."

UST

¹⁷ Josiah asked, "Whose tomb is that?" The people of Bethel replied, "It is the tomb of the prophet who came from Judah and predicted that these things that you have just now done to this altar would happen."

Whose bones did Josiah not move? (vv17-18)

Josiah did not move the bones of the man of God who came from Judah and the prophet who had come from Samaria.

2 Kings 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So he said, "Allow rest for him. Let not anyone disturb his bones." So they preserved his bones, along with the bones of the prophet who had come from Samaria.

UST

¹⁸ Josiah replied, "Allow his tomb to remain as it is. Do not remove the prophet's bones from the tomb." So the people did not remove those bones, or the bones of the other prophet, the one who had come from Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Josiah also removed all the shrines on the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, that the kings of Israel had made, thus provoking to anger. So he did to them like all the deeds that he did at Bethel.

UST

¹⁹ In every city in Samaria, at Josiah's command, they tore down the houses built on hills to worship idols. The ones that had been built by the previous kings of Israel, which had caused Yahweh to become very angry. He did to all those places of idols worship the same thing that he had done to the altars at Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then he slaughtered all the priests of the high places who were there on the altars and he burned human bones on them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

UST

²⁰ He ordered that all the priests who offered sacrifices on the places built on the hills where they worshiped idols, and they were to be killed on those altars. Then he burned human bones on every one of those altars to desecrate them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:21**ULT**

²¹ Then the king commanded all the people, by saying, "Do Passover for Yahweh your God, according to what is written in this scroll of the covenant."

UST

²¹ Then the king commanded all the people to celebrate the Passover festival to honor Yahweh their God, which was written in the law of Moses that they should do every year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:22**ULT**

²² For it had not been done as this Passover since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor all the days of the kings of Israel or the kings of Judah.

UST

²² During all the years that leaders ruled Israel and during all the years that kings of Israel and the kings of Judah, they had not celebrated that festival.

For how long had such a Passover celebration not been held?

Such a Passover celebration had not been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

2 Kings 23:23**ULT**

²³ But truly in the 18th year of the King Josiah, this Passover was done for Yahweh in Jerusalem.

UST

²³ But now, after Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, to honor Yahweh they celebrated the Passover festival in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:24**ULT**

²⁴ Now Josiah also destroyed in blazing fury the women sorcerers who talked with the dead and those with familiar spirits and the household idols, and the idol images and all the detestable idols that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, so as to perpetuate the words of the instruction that were written in the scroll that Hilkiah the priest had found in the house of Yahweh.

UST

²⁴ Furthermore, Josiah removed from Jerusalem and other places in Judah all the people who practiced sorcery and those who asked the spirits of dead people to tell them what they should do. He also removed from Jerusalem and from the other places in Judah all the household idols and all the other idols and abominable things. He did those things in order to obey what had been written in the scroll that Hilkiah had found in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:25**ULT**

²⁵ Now before him there was not a king like him, who had turned to Yahweh with all his heart, and with all his being, and with all his might, in accordance with all the instruction of Moses, neither after him none had arisen like him.

UST

²⁵ Josiah was devoted to Yahweh with all that he felt and thought and with all his strength. There had never been in Judah or Israel a king like him. He obeyed all the laws of Moses. And there has never since then been a king like Josiah.

How did Josiah turn to Yahweh?

Josiah turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his might.

2 Kings 23:26**ULT**

²⁶ Nevertheless, Yahweh did not turn away from the burning fury of his great anger, with which his anger kindled against Judah because of all the offences that Manasseh had provoked him to anger.

UST

²⁶ But Yahweh had become extremely angry with the people of Judah because of all the things that King Manasseh had done to provoke him, and he continued to be very angry.

From what did Yahweh not turn?

Yahweh did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath.

2 Kings 23:27**ULT**

²⁷ So Yahweh said, "I will also remove Judah away from my faces, just as I have removed Israel, and I will reject this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, 'My name will be there.'"

UST

²⁷ He said, "I will do to Judah what I have done to Israel. I will drive away the people of Judah, with the result that they will never enter my presence again. And I will reject Jerusalem, the city that I chose to belong to me, and I will reject the temple, the place where I said that I should be worshiped."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:28**ULT**

²⁸ Now the rest of the matters concerning Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

²⁸ If you want to know more about all the other things that Josiah did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:29**ULT**

²⁹ In his days, Pharaoh Necho, the king of Egypt, had gone up against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River, and the King Josiah had gone to meet him. But he killed him at Megiddo upon his seeing him.

UST

²⁹ While he was the king of Judah, King Necho of Egypt led his army north to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah tried to stop the army of Egypt at the city of Megiddo, but he was killed in a battle there.

Who went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River?

Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River.

2 Kings 23:30**ULT**

³⁰ So his servants had him ride dying in a chariot from Megiddo, and they brought him to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his grave. Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, and they anointed him, and they made him king in place of his father.

UST

³⁰ His officials placed his corpse in a chariot from Megiddo, and took it back to Jerusalem, where it was buried in his own tomb. Then the people of Judah poured olive oil on Josiah's son Joahaz, to appoint him to be the new king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:31**ULT**

³¹ Jehoahaz was a son of 23 years upon his becoming king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah, from Libnah.

UST

³¹ Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he became the king of Judah, but he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:32**ULT**

³² Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like everything that his fathers had done.

UST

³² Joahaz did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just like many of his ancestors had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:33**ULT**

³³ Then Pharaoh Necho bound him at Riblah in the land of Hamath, away from reigning in Jerusalem. Then he instituted a fine against the land, 100 rounds of silver and a round of gold.

UST

³³ King Necho's army captured him and tied him up with chains and took him as a prisoner to the city of Riblah in the district of Hamath, to prevent him from continuing to rule in Jerusalem. Necho forced the people of Judah to pay to him about 3.3 metric tons of silver and thirty three kilograms of gold.

Why did Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath?

Pharaoh Neco put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so he might not reign in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:34**ULT**

³⁴ Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim, the son of Josiah, king in place of Josiah his father, and he turned his name into Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz and he came into Egypt, and he died there.

UST

³⁴ King Necho appointed another son of Josiah, Eliakim, to be the new king, and he changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. Then he took Joahaz to Egypt, and later Joahaz died there in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:35**ULT**

³⁵ Now the silver and the gold Jehoiakim gave to Pharaoh. Only he assessed the land in order to give the silver according to the mouth of Pharaoh, each man according to his assessment, he extracted forcibly, the silver and the gold, the people of the land in order to give to Pharaoh Neco.

UST

³⁵ King Jehoiakim collected a tax from the people of Judah. He collected more from the rich people and less from the poor people. He collected silver and gold from them, in order to pay to the king of Egypt what he commanded them to give.

How did Jehoiakim get the money to pay Pharaoh?

Jehoiakim taxed the land to pay the money, in order to pay Pharaoh.

2 Kings 23:36**ULT**

³⁶ Jehoiakim was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 11 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah from Rumah.

UST

³⁶ Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah from the city of Rumah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:37

ULT

³⁷ However he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like everything that his fathers had done.

UST

³⁷ He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his ancestors had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24

2 Kings 24:1

ULT

¹ In his days, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up, and Jehoiakim became a servant to him, three years. Then he turned back and he rebelled against him.

UST

¹ While Jehoiakim was ruling Judah, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded Judah. They defeated the Judean army, and as a result, Jehoiakim was required to pay much tribute to King Nebuchadnezzar. But after three years, Jehoiakim rebelled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:2

ULT

² Then Yahweh sent against him raiding bands of Chaldeans, and raiding bands from Aram, and raiding bands from Moab, and raiding bands of the sons of Ammon. Now he sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servants, the prophets.

UST

² Then Yahweh sent raiders from Babylonia and Aram, and from the Moab and Ammon people groups, to attack the people of Judah and kill them, just as Yahweh had told his prophets to warn the people would happen.

What had Yahweh spoken through his servants the prophets?

Yahweh had spoken through his servants the prophets that bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites would destroy Judah.

2 Kings 24:3

ULT

³ Certainly it was according to the mouth of Yahweh against Judah, to remove out away from his faces, because of the sins of Manasseh, in accordance with all that he had done, ^[1]

UST

³ These things happened to the people of Judah just as Yahweh had commanded. He decided to destroy the people of Judah because of the many sins that King Manasseh had committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:4**ULT**

⁴ and also innocent blood that he had spilled, and he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, so Yahweh was not willing to forgive.

UST

⁴ Manasseh had even caused many innocent people in Jerusalem to be killed, and Yahweh would not forgive that.

What was Yahweh not willing to pardon?

Yahweh was not willing to pardon that Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood.

2 Kings 24:5**ULT**

⁵ Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

⁵ The other things that happened while Jehoiakim was king, and all the things that he did, are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:6**ULT**

⁶ Then Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

UST

⁶ When Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:7**ULT**

⁷ Then king of Egypt did not continue again to go forth out of his land, because the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt as far as the Euphrates River, everything that had been belonging to the king of Egypt.

UST

⁷ The army of the king of Babylon defeated the army of Egypt. The king of Babylon took control of all the area that the Egyptians formerly controlled, from the brook at the border of Egypt in the south to the Euphrates River in the north. So the army of the king of Egypt did not return to attack Judah again.

Why did the king of Egypt not attack any more out of his land?

The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land, because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt.

2 Kings 24:8**ULT**

⁸ Jehoiachin was a son of 18 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. Now the name of his mother was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan from Jerusalem.

UST

⁸ Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became the king of Judah. His mother's name was Nehushta. She was the daughter of a man from Jerusalem named Elnathan. Jehoiachin ruled in Jerusalem for only three months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:9**ULT**

⁹ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that his father had done.

UST

⁹ Jehoiachin did many things that Yahweh said were evil, all the evil things that his father had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up against Jerusalem and the city came into the state of besiegement.

UST

¹⁰ While Jehoiachin was king, some officers of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came along with the whole Babylonian army to Jerusalem, and they surrounded the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came to the city while his servants were besieging it,

UST

¹¹ While they were doing that, Nebuchadnezzar himself came to the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:12**ULT**

¹² and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his eunuchs. So the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reigning.

UST

¹² Then King Jehoiachin, his mother, his advisors, important officers, palace officials all surrendered to the Babylonian army. When Nebuchadnezzar had been king for eight years, he captured Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon.

When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jehoiachin?

Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

2 Kings 24:13**ULT**

¹³ Then he brought out from there all the valuables in the house of Yahweh, and the valuables in the house of the king, and he cut into pieces all the vessels of gold that Solomon, the king of Israel, had made in the temple of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had spoken.

UST

¹³ Just as Yahweh had said would happen, Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took to Babylon all the valuable things from Yahweh's temple and from the king's palace. They cut up all the gold items that King Solomon had put in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then he led into exile all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty ones of the army, exiling 10,000, and all of the skilled worker and the smith. No one was left except the poorest of the people of the land.

UST

¹⁴ They took from Jerusalem to Babylon ten thousand people, including the important officials and the best soldiers and the people who made and repaired things that were made of metal. Only the very poor people were left in Judah.

Who was left in the land?

Only the poorest people were left in the land.

2 Kings 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Thus he exiled Jehoiachin into Babylon, along with the mother of the king, and the wives of the king, and his eunuchs, and the mighty ones of the land, he led an exile from Jerusalem into Babylon.

UST

¹⁵ Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers seized King Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon, along with his wives and officials, his mother, and all the important people. He took them into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Also all of the men of the army, 7,000, and the skilled workman, and the smith, 1,000, that all were mighty ones, who were experienced in warfare, however the king of Babylon brought them into exile at Babylon.

UST

¹⁶ They also took to Babylon all seven thousand soldiers and one thousand men who knew how to make and repair things that are made from metal. All of these people whom they took were able to fight in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, his uncle, king in his place, and he turned his name into Zedekiah.

UST

¹⁷ Then the king of Babylon appointed Jehoiachin's uncle, Mattaniah, to be the king of Judah, and he changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

To what name did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name?

The king of Babylon changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

2 Kings 24:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Zedekiah was a son of 21 years upon his beginning to reign and he reigned 11 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

UST

¹⁸ When Zedekiah was twenty-one years old, he became king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal. She was the daughter of a man named Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh like everything that Jehoiakim had done.

UST

¹⁹ But Zedekiah did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just as Jehoiakim had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:20**ULT**

²⁰ For because of the anger of Yahweh it happened in Jerusalem and in Judah, until he cast them out away from his faces. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

24:3 ^[1].

UST

²⁰ Because Yahweh was very angry, he finally drove the people out of Jerusalem and the other places in Judah and sent them to Babylon. This is what happened when Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25

2 Kings 25:1

ULT

¹ Now it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon came, he along with all his army against Jerusalem. Then he encamped around it, and they built a siege wall up to it all around.

UST

¹ After Zedekiah had been ruling for nine years, on the tenth day of the tenth month of that year, King Nebuchadnezzar arrived with his whole army. They surrounded Jerusalem. Against the walls of the city, they built ramps made of earth, so that they could climb up and attack the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:2

ULT

² Thus the city came under the seige until the eleventh year of the king Zedekiah.

UST

² It took them two years to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:3

ULT

³ On the ninth of the month, then the famine took hold in the city so there was not bread for the people of the land.

UST

³ After Zedekiah had been ruling for eleven years, by the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, the famine had become very bad. All the people's food was gone.

Why was there no food for the people of the land?

The famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

2 Kings 25:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the city was breached, and all the men of the battle during the night were at a path at a gate between the two walls, that were along the garden of the king. Now Chaldeans were upon the city all around, yet he went the way of the Arabah.

UST

⁴ Then the Babylonian soldiers broke through part of the city wall, and that enabled them to enter the city. All the soldiers of Judah tried to escape. But the Babylonian soldiers surrounded the city, so the king and the soldiers of Judah waited until it was nighttime. Then they fled through the gate that was between the two walls near the king's park. They ran across the fields and started to go down to the plain along the Jordan River.

Where did all the fighting men flee?

All the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden.

2 Kings 25:5**ULT**

⁵ However the army of Chaldeans pursued after the king and they overtook him in the desert-plain near Jericho, as a result all his army was scattered away from him.

UST

⁵ But the Babylonian soldiers chased after them. They caught the king when he was by himself in the plains of Jericho. He was by himself because all his soldiers had abandoned him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:6**ULT**

⁶ Thus they seized the king and they brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they pronounced judgment upon him.

UST

⁶ The Babylonian soldiers took King Zedekiah to the city of Riblah in Babylonia. There the king of Babylon decided what they would do to punish him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:7**ULT**

⁷ Now they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and he bound him with two bronze chains, and he brought him to Babylon.

UST

⁷ The king of Babylon forced Zedekiah to watch as the Babylonian soldiers killed all of Zedekiah's sons. Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They put bronze chains on his hands and feet and took him to the city of Babylon.

What happened to Zedekiah after his sons were slaughtered?

After Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered, the Chaldeans put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

2 Kings 25:8**ULT**

⁸ Now in the fifth month, on the seventh of the month, it was in the 19th year, the year of the king Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, chief of executioners, the servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

UST

⁸ On the seventh day in the fifth month of that year, after Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for nineteen years, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem. He was one of King Nebuchadnezzar's officials; he was in command of the men who guarded the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:9**ULT**

⁹ Then he burned the house of Yahweh, and the house of the king, and all the houses of Jerusalem, indeed, every great house he burned in the fire.

UST

⁹ He ordered his soldiers to burn down Yahweh's temple, the king's palace, and all the houses in Jerusalem. So they burned down all the important buildings in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Also all the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the chief of executioners, tore down the walls of Jerusalem all around.

UST

¹⁰ Then Nebuzaradan supervised the Babylonian soldiers as they tore down the walls surrounding Jerusalem.

Who destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem?

All the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem.

2 Kings 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now the rest of the people who had been left in the city, and the fallen ones, who had fallen to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan, chief of executioners, led away into exile.

UST

¹¹ After that, he and his soldiers took to Babylon the people who were still living in the city, the other people who lived in the region of Judah, and the soldiers who had previously surrendered to the Babylonian army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:12**ULT**

¹² But the chief of executioners did let some of the poorest of the land remain for vinedressers and for tillers.

UST

¹² But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to stay in Judah to take care of the vineyards and to plant crops in the fields.

Why did the bodyguard leave some of the poorest of the land?

The bodyguard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

2 Kings 25:13**ULT**

¹³ Now the pillars of bronze that were in the house of Yahweh, and the pedestals and the sea of bronze that were in the house of Yahweh, the Chaldeans broke into pieces and they carried their bronze to Babylon.

UST

¹³ The Babylonian soldiers broke into pieces the bronze pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the large bronze tank known as "The Sea," all of which were in the temple courtyard, and they took all the bronze to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Also the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze that they were ministering with them, they took.

UST

¹⁴ They also took the pots, the shovels, the instruments for snuffing out the lamps, the dishes, and all the other bronze items that the Israelite priests had used for offering sacrifices in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Even the firepans and the bowls that were purest gold, and that were purest silver, the chief of executioners took.

UST

¹⁵ The soldiers also took away the pans for the ashes of the sacrifices, the basins, and all the other items made of gold or silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The two pillars, the one sea, and the pedestals that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh, there could not be a weighing on account of the bronze of all these vessels.

UST

¹⁶ The bronze from the two pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the huge tank that was called "The Sea," were all so very heavy that they could not be weighed. These things had been made for the temple when Solomon was the king of Israel.

How much bronze did the two pillars contain?

The two pillars contained more bronze than could be weighed.

2 Kings 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ 18 in cubit was the height of the first pillar, and the capital on it was bronze. Now the height of the capital was three cubits, with latticework and pomegranates on the capital all around, that was entirely bronze. Also just as these were on the second pillar corresponding to the latticework.

UST

¹⁷ Each of the pillars was eight and one-third meters high. The bronze capital of each pillar was one and one-third meters high. They were each decorated all around with something that looked like a net made of bronze chains connecting bronze pomegranates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Also the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the high priest, along with Zephaniah, a second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold.

UST

¹⁸ Nebuzaradan took with him to Babylon Seraiah, the high priest; Zephaniah, his assistant; and the three men who guarded the entrance to the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then from the city he took one eunuch because he was an officer over the men of the battle, and five men from those seeing the faces of the king, who were found in the city and the scribe, the prince of the host, the one who drafted the people of the land, and 60, each man out of the people of the land who were found in the city.

UST

¹⁹ From the people who were still left in Jerusalem, he took one officer from the Judean army, five of the king's advisors, the chief secretary of the army commander who was in charge of recruiting men to join the army, and sixty other important Judean men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, took them and he had them go to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

UST

²⁰ Nebuzaradan took them all to the king of Babylon at the city of Riblah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:21**ULT**

²¹ However the king of Babylon struck them down and he put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah went into exile out away from its land.

UST

²¹ There at the city of Riblah, in the province of Hamath, the king of Babylon commanded that they all be executed. That is what happened when the people of Judah were taken forcefully from their land to Babylon.

What did the king of Babylon do to the people taken prisoner by the commander of the bodyguard?

The king of Babylon put them to death.

2 Kings 25:22**ULT**

²² Now the people who were remaining in the land of Judah, who Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon had allowed to remain, he even appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, over them.

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²² Then King Nebuchadnezzar appointed a man named Gedaliah to be the governor of the people who he still allowed to live in Judah. Gedaliah was a son of Ahikam and a grandson of Shaphan.

Whom did Nebuchadnezzar put in charge of the people who remained in the land of Judah?

Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah in charge of them.

2 Kings 25:23**ULT**

²³ When all the princes of the armies, they and the men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, then they came to Gedaliah at the Mizpah with Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Seraiah, the son of Tanhumeth, the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah, the son of the Maakathite, they and their men.

UST

²³ When all the army commanders in Judah and their soldiers found out that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah to be the governor, they met with him at the city of Mizpah. These commanders were Ishmael son of Nethaniah; Johanan son of Kareah; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth, from the city of Netophah; and Jaazaniah, from the region of Maacah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then Gedaliah swore an oath to them and to their men, and he said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and he will be good to you."

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²⁴ Gedaliah solemnly promised them that the officials from Babylon were not planning to harm them. He said, "You may live in this land without being afraid; you should obey the king of Babylon. If you do, everything will go well for you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:25**ULT**

²⁵ But it happened in the seventh month Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, from the seed of the royalty, came with ten men with him and he struck down Gedaliah and as a result he died, along with the Judeans and the Chaldeans who were with him at the Mizpah.

UST

²⁵ But in the seventh month of that year, Ishmael, whose grandfather Elishama was in the family descended from King David, went to Mizpah along with ten other men. They assassinated Gedaliah and all the men with him. There were also men from Judah and men from Babylon whom they assassinated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then all the people, from least and up to great, and the princes of the troops, arose and they entered Egypt, because they were afraid of the faces of the Chaldeans.

UST

²⁶ Then many of the people from Judah, important people and unimportant ones, and the army commanders were very afraid of what the Babylonians would do to them, so they fled to Egypt.

Why did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers go to Egypt?

All the people and the commanders of the soldiers went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

2 Kings 25:27**ULT**

²⁷ Now it happened in the 37th year of the exile of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, in the 12th month, on the 27th of the month, Awel-Marduk, the king of Babylon, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, out of the house of imprisonment, in the year of his beginning to reign.

UST

²⁷ Thirty-seven years after King Jehoiachin of Judah had been taken to Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's son Awel-Marduk became the king of Babylon. He was kind to Jehoiachin, and on the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of that same year, he released Jehoiachin from prison.

When was Jehoiachin released from prison?

Jehoiachin was released from prison in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, in the year that Evil Merodach began to reign.

2 Kings 25:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then he spoke kindly with him and he set his seat higher than the seat of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

UST

²⁸ He always spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and honored him more than the other kings who had been taken to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:29**ULT**

²⁹ He also changed his garments of imprisonment, and he would eat bread continually in his presence all the days of his life.

UST

²⁹ He gave Jehoiachin new clothes to replace the clothes that he had been wearing in prison, and he allowed Jehoiachin to eat at the king's table every day for the rest of his life.

What food did Jehoiachin eat? (vv29-30)

Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. And a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

2 Kings 25:30**ULT**

³⁰ Even his meal allowance was a regular meal allowance. A provision of a day in its day was given to him from the king all the days of his life.

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³⁰ The king of Babylon also gave him money every day, so that he could buy the things that he needed. The king continued to do that until Jehoiachin died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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